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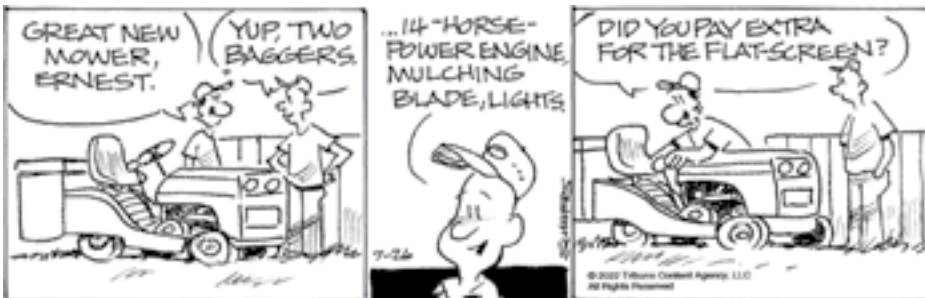


On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, big winner Luis won a big Cashball of over \$10,000 during the 7pm session down at **Boulder Station**. Boulder Bingo is open 7 days a week, with daily sessions on the odd hours from 9AM to 11PM, and an extra 1AM session on Saturdays and Sundays. We are all smiles for lucky Luis! Congratulations!

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Lucky Lotto News

Record Powerball Winner Revealed

More than three months after someone bought the winning ticket for a record \$2.04 billion Powerball jackpot in November 2022, California Lottery officials announced the winner, Edwin Castro. At Mr. Castro's request, lottery officials did not disclose any biographical information about him, though they did release his name at a news conference, in keeping with California's public disclosure laws. For his part, Mr. Castro opted not to attend, though he did release a statement saying that he was "shocked" and "ecstatic" over his win. He added that he was pleased that his good fortune would also help California public schools, which will receive more than \$156 million in proceeds from ticket sales. "As someone who received the rewards of being educated in the California public education system," he said in the statement, "it's gratifying to hear that as a result of my win, the California school system greatly benefits as well." Instead of opting to receive the full amount of his win in multiple installments over 30 years, Mr. Castro opted for a onetime lump sum payment of \$997.6 million, lottery officials said. Alva Johnson, director of the California Lottery, noted that Mr. Castro's winning ticket was the only one that had matched all five winning numbers and the Powerball number in the drawing on Nov. 7. Mr. Castro bought the ticket at Joe's Service Center, a gas station in Altadena, a town 15 miles north of Los Angeles. The Powerball jackpot climbed to its record sum over several months in late 2022, as more than 40 consecutive drawings failed to yield a winner. Mr. Castro's win defied astronomical odds: one in 292.2 million. *Reporting by the New York Times*

Lucky Luck Resident

The tiny town of Luck, Wisconsin, is living up to its name, at least for one lucky lottery winner. Mark Cunningham, a regular player of Wisconsin's "Megabucks" game, took home a \$15.1 million prize after purchasing a ticket from Wayne's Food grocery store in Luck, Wisconsin, according to a news release from the Wisconsin Lottery. The lucky Luck resident won big in the January 4 drawing, says the news release. "Dreams really do come true," Cunningham said in the release. In addition to taking home the multi-million-dollar prize, Cunningham also snagged a much smaller reward: He told lottery officials he also won a \$2 prize in the same drawing, according to the release. The chances of winning the \$15.1 million prize are just 1 in 6,991,908, while the odds for winning \$2 are 1 in 29. Cunningham's prize is the largest Megabucks jackpot since a \$22.2 million prize in 2015.

Last Minute Hunch Pays Off

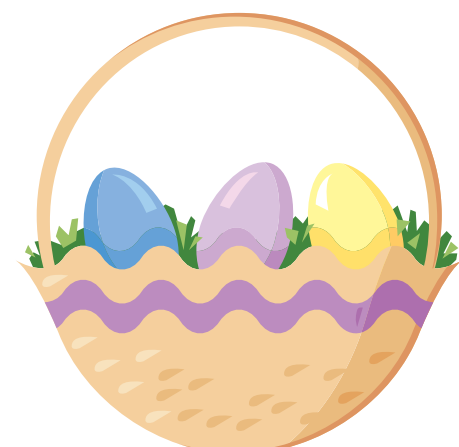
A last-minute decision to play the lottery made one North Carolina woman hundreds of thousands of dollars richer. Stephanie Israel, 39, won a whopping \$501,544 after buying a Quick Pick ticket just minutes before that Saturday's Cash 5 drawing, according to a press release from the NC Education Lottery. However, the Guilford County woman didn't realize she'd won on her \$1 ticket until the next morning, when she opened her email. "When I went in and saw it, I screamed for like 20 minutes," Israel told lottery officials. "I think I scared my family a little bit." Israel purchased the ticket with "only four minutes" before Saturday's drawing, according to the news release. "It was late at night and I was lying in bed and the spirit just told me to go online and buy one," she told lottery officials.



Yellow Dauber Saves the Day

Hey Guy,
 I really enjoy reading your column each month...so thank you for that. While perusing the January 2023 issue of the *Bingo Bugle*, I read the letter you received from DD in Pennsylvania. I'm always willing to help out a fellow Bingo "enthusiast," so I have some advice to pass along. Hopefully it helps DD, and others with the same annoyance regarding the wide variety of patterns played in many of the Bingo parlors that are scattered across our great land.

We all know that God rested on the seventh day...but, on the day before that, he invented the YELLOW BINGO DAUBER. This was a great invention for those of us who need a bit of help, as we get older, and still want to enjoy this game we love so much. I use the yellow Bingo dauber to highlight the upcoming patterns in the session I'm attending that day. (That's why I usually show up 45 minutes to an hour before play begins). I do my buy-in and "get to work" by highlighting in yellow the numbers that matter for a particular game (ie., airplane, checkmark, layer cake, picnic table, etc., etc.). In this way I only have to pay attention to the numbers that will, hopefully, achieve a win for me ☺!



Using any other color dauber from your "arsenal" will then allow the "verifier" to read your numbers back to the caller to confirm the WIN! Hope that helps others out there, but especially DD. Thanks for reading my letter guy.
 —Sincerely, Michael "The Doctor" Albert, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Michael,

Thank YOU for being a loyal reader. And thank you as well for taking the time to share your technique of keeping track of the patterns using a yellow dauber—I am sure our readers, including DD, will appreciate the tip. One caveat, however, I do remember a reader writing in to complain that a recent Bingo of theirs was not considered valid because they had pre-marked their cards with a pen, so if you don't know the rules of the hall it might be a good idea to ask a floor worker if you can pre-daub patterns, or trace them on your Bingo paper. Of course, giving the rules a once over when playing at a new hall is always a good idea, as rules vary from hall to hall and state to state. Good luck and happy pre-daubing. —Guy

Hey guys! (And gals!) Write to Guy's Turn c/o The Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or e-mail Guy directly at tara@bingobugle.com.

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Once the Chips Go In, the Rest Is Out of Your Hands

By Chad Holloway

There are many different forms of luck in a game of poker. For most, getting lucky in a hand of poker means something like cracking pocket aces with a smaller pocket pair by flopping a set. That's pretty standard. However, there are other forms of luck that play out in tournaments every day.

Case in point, the 2023 PokerStars Caribbean Adventure (PCA), which saw the best poker players from around the world travel to the Bahamas this past January. It was there that some of the highest-stakes action took place, including the \$10,300 PCA Main Event, a tournament that attracted 889 entrants and awarded a \$8,623,300 prize pool.

On Day 4 of that tournament, just 23 players remained in contention for the title when a big hand took place in Level 22 (10,000/20,000/20,000). It began when Michel Dattani raised to 40,000 from early position and Ramon Colillas three-bet to 185,000 from middle position, leaving himself just 5,000 behind. Elias Gutierrez then four-bet to 330,000 from the cutoff (the spot to the direct right of the button), and Dattani responded by moving all-in for 1.005 million.

Colillas called off his remaining 5,000 and then Gutierrez snap-called off his remaining stack as well before the cards were turned on their backs.

Michel Dattani: As-Ah
Elias Gutierrez: Qh-Qs
Ramon Colillas: Ac-Kd
Dattani had the best hand in all of poker, which proved to be a bit of a cooler for both Gutierrez and Colillas as they each held top quality hands. Dattani had a 75.18% chance of winning the hand, and the 9d-7s-5s flop didn't present any danger. As a matter of fact, Dattani's hammerlock on the hand increased to 89.04%.

The 7c turn left Colillas drawing dead, while Gutierrez needed one of the two remaining queens in the deck to stay alive, which would only happen a mere 4.76% of the time. The 6h on the river was safe for Dattani, who dispatched Colillas and Gutierrez in 23rd and 22nd place, respectively, for \$51,400 apiece.

Meanwhile, that hand gave Dattani a mountain of chips and helped him finish the day as the chip leader. Two days later, Dattani found himself as the last player standing to claim the prestigious title and \$1,316,963 in prize money after working a heads-up deal with fellow Portuguese player Pedro Neves, who received \$1,183,037.

There wasn't anything unusual about what took place — the best hand won after all — but it was a good example of another form of luck one must usually experience to win a poker tournament. That's to not only pick up a big hand, but to also have others pick up strong hands, then to fade those hands and successfully avoid a bad beat.

Once the chips go in, the rest is out of your hands. All you can do is buckle in for the next five cards to come and hope that you wind up holding the best hand when all is said and done.

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Healthy Living

Fit with folate

Low levels of folic acid may be linked to several diseases of aging, including dementia and hearing loss, according to recent research.

Some folate-rich foods

- Brussels sprouts, collard greens, mustard greens, broccoli, spinach, romaine lettuce
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2. Garden Buffet • South Point • Daily • \$11.95-\$41.95
3. \$1 Beer • Stage Door Casino and Lounge • 24 hours • \$1.00
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7. Shrimp Cocktail • Fremont • Daily • \$0.99
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HOLLYWOOD
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KOVELS
Antiques & Collecting
By Terry and Kim Kovel

HOLLYWOOD — The internet went crazy when Priscilla Presley asked a judge to invalidate a recently discovered document replacing Priscilla and Barry Siegel (manager of Lisa Marie Presley) with Lisa Marie's children, Riley and the late Benjamin Keough, as co-trustees of Lisa Marie's trust. The trolls accused Priscilla of trying to grab control of the estate. But, in truth, Priscilla cited several factors for her request, including that Lisa Marie's signature might be a forgery.

Back in 1993, Lisa Marie appointed Priscilla and Siegel as co-trustees of her trust. After Lisa Marie's death on Jan. 12, an amendment to her will dated March 2016 was found that would replace them both as trustees upon her death. Priscilla says the amendment was never delivered to her while Lisa Marie was alive, as required by the original document, and that Priscilla's name was misspelled in the document. Priscilla also stated that her signature looked inconsistent with her usual sign-off. The document was neither witnessed nor notarized, as documents of this nature must be in order to be deemed legal.

In my acquaintance with Priscilla, she has proven to be honest, trustworthy and devoted to Lisa Marie and her children. Can another Presley movie be far behind?

Q: What is the difference between cut glass and pressed glass? Which is more valuable?

A: Cut glass is an ancient technique that was revived in Europe in the 1500s. Cut and engraved designs added luster to the glass and helped hide flaws like bubbles. Mold-blown glass used easier and cheaper techniques to imitate cut glass. The mechanical glass press was invented in the 1820s, making production even simpler and less expensive. To tell the difference between cut glass and pressed glass, remember the three Ls: look, lift and listen. Cut glass designs have sharp edges, so they sparkle more than pressed glass, which has rounded edges. When you pick up a cut glass item, it will feel heavier than a similar piece of pressed glass. Tap your finger against a piece of cut glass and it will ring with more clarity than pressed glass. Cut glass is usually more expensive than pressed glass, but current prices vary from under \$20 to thousands of dollars. Cut glass with a signature or famous manufacturer like Baccarat or Waterford tends to sell for higher prices. Embellishments such as silver mounts or colored glass can further increase the price.

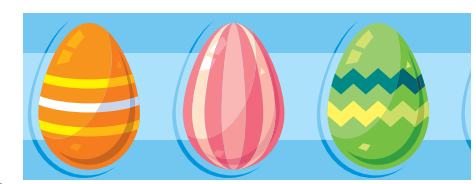
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Gaming News



How Big is California Gambling?

ICE London, the world's largest gambling-industry conference and trade show was held earlier this year. In a panel discussion on tribal gaming, the chairman of the California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA) presented some interesting statistics on the extent of the tribes' influence in California. He noted that of the 270 tribes in the U.S. involved in gaming in some way, 70 (26%) of them are in California. Then, citing a recent report on total gaming revenue in the U.S., the chairman said that tribal gaming represents 44% of the total gaming market in the U.S. and that 24% of that 44% comes from California tribes. Doing the arithmetic, California tribes represent close to 1/10th of the gaming market—tribal and commercial—in the entire country. Imagine what it would be with sports betting.

Revenue Record

The American Gaming Association reported recently that gross gaming revenue for commercial (non-tribal) casinos set a new record in 2022. The \$60.4 billion was just under 14% more than the previous record of \$53 billion set in 2021. The \$7.4 billion difference nearly equates with the \$8.3 billion brought in by Strip casinos during the year, which was 17% above 2021's \$6.9 billion. Atlantic City ranked second in GGR at \$2.8 billion. The Boulder Strip came in 10th at \$966.6 million, Reno/Sparks was 12th at \$910.7 million, and downtown Las Vegas was 16th at \$787.1 million. The AGA projected that, including tribal casinos, total GGR for 2022 will break the \$100 billion mark for the first time.

100 Million Mobile Bets

GeoComply, the Internet compliance and anti-fraud company, recently announced that they conducted more than 100 million geolocation checks in 23 U.S. states and the District of Columbia over the Superbowl weekend, a 25% increase from Super Bowl weekend 2022. The company also recorded 7.4 million accounts, a 32% increase over 2022's game. (Since Super Bowl LVI, four states—Arkansas, Kansas, Maryland, and Ohio—legalized sports betting.) Also, more than 100,000 geolocation checks were conducted near or inside State Farm Stadium, where the game was played, from more than 8,000 sports books accounts. GeoComply checked the most geolocations in New York (13.9 million), followed by Pennsylvania and Kansas, home states for the Super Bowl contestants (11.8 million and 2.2 million, respectively). A quarter-million bets were rejected from Missouri, where the Kansas City Chiefs stadium is located, but sports betting isn't legal.

WSOP Announces 2023 Schedule

The World Series of Poker has announced its full schedule for the 2023 WSOP, its 54th annual tournament that runs May 30 to July 18 at the Horseshoe. Featuring 95 bracelet events and the WSOP's biggest-ever capacity (608 tables) organizers predict that it will be the largest tournament in its history, with the largest-ever field for the Main Event, which will take place July 3-17. The WSOP is holding a number of promotions in the run-up to this year's series to help break the Main Event player record. A new event, Gladiators of Poker, will boast the smallest buy-in event in WSOP history: \$300. Mystery Millions will guarantee a \$1 million prize pool. And the \$1 million freeroll Tournament of the Champions has been moved to early in the series. Once again, CBS Sports will broadcast the series highlights and PokerGO will stream the events daily.

Amber Waves

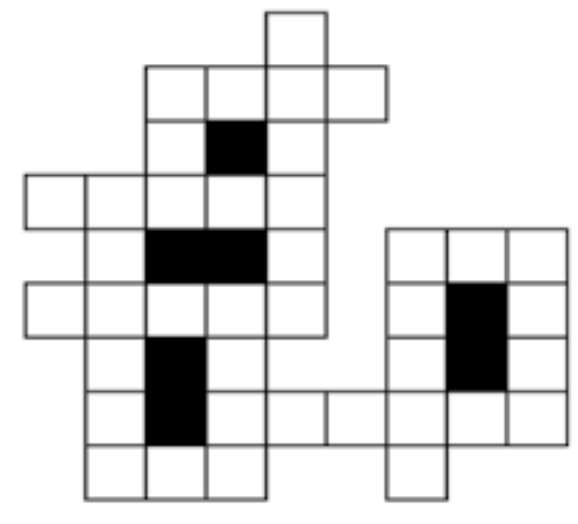


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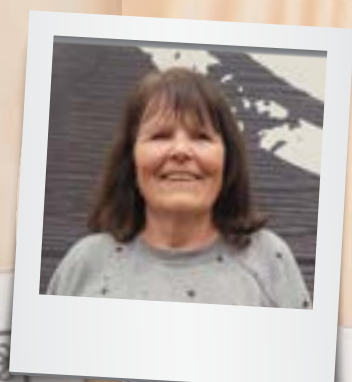
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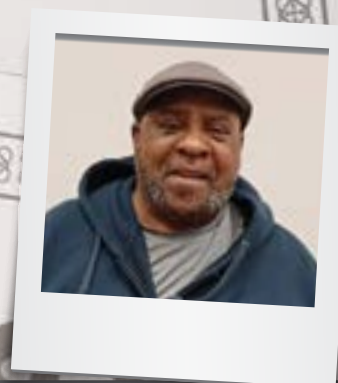
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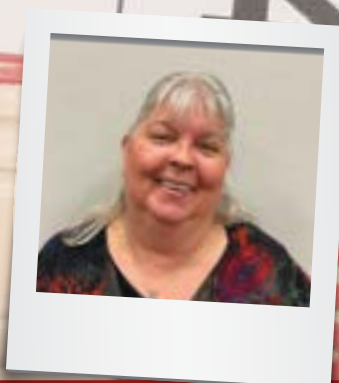
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ACROSS

1 Tiny bits
6 "I, Robot" writer
12 Catch in a net
13 Household
14 Treeless Asian plain
15 Bach piece
16 Corn recipe
17 Experts
19 Ultramodern
20 Reverberate
22 Kiwi's extinct cousin
24 — Khan
27 Get better
29 "Two and a Half Men" role
32 Arguably, best-known line from Shakespeare
35 Still
36 Peacenic
37 Performance
38 Blushing
40 Iodine source
42 Pitch
44 Spud's buds
46 Scored 100 on
50 Hard to find
52 Guarantee
54 Yearly
55 Tradition, perhaps
56 Forward a story

DOWN

1 Grooving on
2 Portent
3 Reservation residence
4 Nile slitherer
5 One often seen with a crook?
6 Bullets etc.
7 Quake
8 Hostel
9 Hawaiian volcano
10 Curved molding
11 Kill a bill
12 Sixth sense
18 Virginia city
21 Comedian
23 Margaret
25 Noshed
24 Head of st.
26 Straying
28 Smitten,
30 Jimmy Kimmel's
31 Lepidopterist's prop
33 Away from WSW
34 — Aviv
39 Sticker
41 Old hat
42 Despot
43 Dermatology subject
45 Holler
47 Adorable
48 Cupid's alias
49 Rep.'s rival
51 Regret
53 Sister

HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences between panels.

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

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 gap!

Dormant
PLEASE

Target
PINTO

Cluck
SECTOR

Fasten
TAPES

TODAY'S WORD

"What my _____ ever saw in you, I'll never know."

JUMBLE

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

NEESS
MYERH
CAZIDO
LANUNA

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Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app!

Ooh! I should have ordered that. Here, let me have some. Fresh pepper?
Hands off!

HER BOWL OF ROMAINE, DRESSING, PARMESAN AND CROUTONS LOOKED SO YUMMY, HE WANTED TO _____

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

A: "_____"

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

AN QG GBWGER RJ ESGZRG
ZKV FSAUG, ZKV SGZX NJSEG
QARCAK JMSDGXUGD, QG CZUG
RJ TGR GBEARGF.

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R	O	E						S

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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.

	+		x		21
x		x		x	
	-		x		21
+		-		-	
	-		x		25
17		26		16	

1 3 4 5 5 6 7 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: R equals W

RVFZ YVHFIA REGDN YHEYAHDX
NAIUHKJA JEZV NES CEEN FWN
ZVA UEIZ EC F JGI HKNA?
SHAXVEGWN CFHA.

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MAGIC MAZE

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L R S Q N K H E B Y W H T R O
L J A S H H G E B Y W S U R P
N K I T U O G D B Z X U V S Q
O M I K S N E I G I E R Y E C
Z M E A Y E D W U D K D T S Q
S Z P S L Y Z A N O A L R L J
H F A I O C E C N L S O E A Y
X V B J E R U S K C P G B Q P
N U M U M I L N K A E J I H F
J E C F A S I E L B E A L A G
Z Y X V C P U T M R K Q P O M

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: GRANNY —

Cameo	Honeycrisp	Liberty	Pink Lady
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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from COINS to SPIES in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

flip

bind

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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. Pebble	S	_____	Make up for	A	_____
2. Split	_____	D	Heavenly	_____	N
3. Bird cage	_____	T	Derrick	_____	N
4. Lift	H	_____	Damp	M	_____
5. Olympics souvenir	_____	D	Iron or cooper, e.g.	_____	T
6. Grocery employee	_____	A	Larger	_____	I
7. Like Bullwinkle	_____	O	Like Mickey	_____	U
8. Vineyard building	W	_____	Glad rags	F	_____
9. Dog lead	_____	H	Smallest amount	_____	T
10. "Pride and Prejudice" author	_____	E	Lone Star capital	_____	I

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Boggle BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

G	A	I	B	O
E	L	E	X	R
D	O	L	Y	E
N	U	O	H	T
G	P	C	I	N

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This Big Easy Classic Couldn't Be Easier

It's no surprise that red beans and rice is one of the dishes most strongly associated with the enchanting city of New Orleans, also called “The Big Easy.” It's delicious, nutritious, easy to prepare and happily inexpensive.

Red beans and rice are customarily made on Mondays in the South. The time-honored recipe uses the leftover ham bone from Sunday's dinner simmered all day with beans and served over rice.

To make this shortcut recipe weeknight easy, we're using canned beans. You could certainly use dried beans prepared according to package directions.

The beans used in this recipe are small red beans. If you can't find them, substitute red kidney beans. Traditionally, this recipe calls for andouille (an-DOO-ee) sausage, which has a nice spicy kick. If you can't find andouille or prefer a milder sausage, substitute kielbasa or other smoked sausage.

Since rice is such an important element of this dish, go to the extra effort of making really flavorful rice.



BIG EASY RED BEANS AND RICE

Yield: 4 to 6 servings
Total Time: 90 minutes

- 1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil
- 1 link (13.5 ounce) smoked sausage, andouille or kielbasa, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 large onion (1 1/2 cups), chopped
- 2 ribs celery (1 cup), chopped
- 1 green bell pepper (about 1 cup), chopped
- 2-3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon Creole seasoning
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 (15.5 ounce) cans red beans, drained and rinsed
- 6 cups cooked rice

In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the smoked sausage to render all that flavorful fat. Remove the sausage and set aside. In the same skillet, sauté the onion, celery, green bell pepper and garlic until tender. Add the chicken broth, seasoning, thyme, pepper and bay leaves. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a bare simmer. Add beans and return sausage, then simmer for at least 45 minutes; but the longer it cooks, the better it gets! Doesn't the house smell delicious? This is how you want the house to smell when you invite company over for dinner. Stir it occasionally and add water, if needed. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding salt if desired. Serve the beans with the rice and Dixieland jazz music.

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How Skill Level Effects Blackjack

It may seem strange, but it's true, that blackjack playing conditions that favor a skilled blackjack card counter are not necessarily the best playing conditions for an average basic strategy player. How can this be? I'll explain.

First let's look at the average blackjack player that knows most, or ideally all, of the basic playing strategy (the mathematically correct way to play every hand dealt to you—which should be learned before you play because it significantly reduces the house edge). The fact is that even though basic playing strategy is a must-learn, for anyone that wants to be a skilled player, the casino will still possess a tiny edge over you when you play (about 0.5% in most multi-deck blackjack games). This means the basic strategy player stands to lose 0.5% of each wager made at a blackjack table. That's fifty cents in expected losses for every \$100 worth of bets. Sort of like a hidden tax which you pay the casino every time your wagers total \$100. I know it doesn't seem like much money, but most blackjack players make a lot of bets in their lifetime and so their actual losses can add up.

The point is that since all basic

strategy players face a negative expectation (that's the mathematical way of saying that the house has the advantage), the more money that a basic strategy player wagers in their lifetime, the more money they stand to lose. Sure, in some playing sessions, basic strategy players will get the cards coming their way and they will be big winners. In others, they'll wind up with all losing stiff hands. But in the long run when you add up the amount won and compare it to the amount lost you'll end up in the red.

So, what's a basic strategy player supposed to do about all this? Try s-l-o-w-i-n-g down your game. How? Play at crowded blackjack tables rather than empty tables. If you play at a blackjack table with 6 or 7 players you'll be dealt fewer hands per hour and decrease your exposure to that 0.5% casino advantage.

Let's suppose our basic strategy player opts to play at a blackjack table with only 1 or 2 other players; yes, he's got more elbow room, but it comes at a price. With fewer players, the dealer will deal more hands per hour and the game gets faster.

Now what about a blackjack card counter? Unlike the basic strategy player that faces a negative expectation, the card counter has turned the tables on the casino and has a positive expectation (i.e. the card counter has the advantage over the casinos). In this situation, the card counter stands to earn about 0.5 to 1.0% of every wager made. So, card counters will win more the greater the number of hands dealt per hour. This is why card counters prefer to play solo or with as few players as possible (there are other reasons, but this is the main one).

What else can make a blackjack game fast and increase a basic strategy player's losses? How about those Continuous Shuffling Machines (CSM's) that many casinos have implemented on their blackjack tables?

After each round (or several rounds) the dealer will place the discards back in a CSM to be randomly reshuffled with

IRRESISTIBLE RICE

Yield: 6 cups
Total Time: 30 minutes

- 4 cups of chicken broth or bouillon
- 2 cups long grain white or basmati rice
- 1 tablespoon of butter

Bring broth to a boil then add rice and butter. If you used low sodium broth, add 1/2 teaspoon salt. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand for 10 minutes for perfect rice every time.

Save money by making your own creole seasoning with this recipe.

CREOLE SEASONING

Yield: 1/3 cup
Total Time: 5 minutes

- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper, or to taste

Blend all ingredients. Use within two months.

I'll close with the words that New Orleans native, trumpeter and vocalist Louis Armstrong used to sign his letters: “Red Beans & Ricely Yours.”

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Test Your Knowledge

1. TELEVISION: Which cable TV series features a character named Don Draper?
2. MOVIES: What subject does Professor Minerva McGonagall teach at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry?
3. HISTORY: Where was civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had a sign on his desk that read, “The Buck Stops Here”?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the world's largest desert?
6. LITERATURE: What is the real name of the author Lemony Snicket?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the fruit that gives the liqueur creme de cassis its flavor?
8. MUSIC: What inspired the Beatles' song “Blackbird”?
9. CELEBRITIES: What is singer/actress Judy Garland's birth name?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are squirrels' nests called?

ANSWERS

1. *Mad Men*.
2. Transfiguration.
3. Memphis, Tennessee.
4. Harry Truman.
5. Antarctica.
6. Daniel Handler.
7. Black currants.
8. Civil rights unrest in Little Rock, Arkansas, according to Paul McCartney.
9. Frances Ethel Gumm.
10. Dreys.

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top ten

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3. Microsoft
4. DELL
5. Sony
6. Hitachi
7. LG
8. Panasonic
9. HP
10. Fujitsu

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Feng Shui Bingo Brings Luck

At a recent Bingo, when Kate and I went to buy in we were offered two free Bonanzas if we would sit where we were told instead of choosing our own seats. Kate said, "Okay," and accepted the free cards.

"You'll have to answer three questions," said the attendant. "First: Is this your first, second or third time to play Bingo?"

"No," replied Kate, laughing. "Second: Do you consider yourself a difficult or contentious person?"

"No," Kate laughed again. "Third: Have you won more than \$250 playing Bingo in the past year?"

Kate looked at me questioningly. I nodded. "I think so."

"Then you two sit in this section," she said, indicating the nearest tables. She handed me two Bonanza cards as we moved away.

We couldn't figure out what it was

all about. We did notice that the group right in front of the caller was hilarious and one of them shouted that he was glad to have discovered Bingo.

"They must be the newcomers," said Kate. "That means that the farthest group are the argumentative ones."

"But what on earth does that have to do with playing Bingo?" I wondered. "None of the groups seemed to be doing better than any others."

I was unenlightened until intermission when the attendant came near enough to question.

"Our new manager is hooked on Feng Shui," she explained. "You are all oriented to the front door to create as harmonious an atmosphere as possible. This group is the money or prosperity section. The far group is the relationships section. We're trying the difficult relationships first and next week we'll try to find happy couples. The newcomers here in front are to increase openness."

"What does that have to do with Bingo?" I asked.

"We hope to increase the number of people who come to play with us and decrease the friction in the place."

"Does that sound a little crazy to you?" I asked Kate as the attendant moved away. She nodded and said, "Let's move over to the newcomer group and see what happens."

"What if we get caught?" I asked. "Will we be penalized for destroying the harmony in this room?"

Kate laughed. "The only harmony in a Bingo hall is before the games and before people start competing. Come on. The worst they can do is demand their free Bonanzas back and they won't do that."

We sneaked over to the new table, that is, if it is possible for regular-sized humans to sneak in broad daylight.

It was astonishing. As soon as we

moved, Kate won a regular game. We played another game which neither of us won. When the wheel game came along, we quickly moved to the contentious section. Again, Kate won.

"I wonder if we can move back to our original places before Bonanza?" I asked. We quickly moved again, caught up with our numbers and I won!

"Did you win on one of the free cards?" Kate asked.

"Yes, I did. What do you think all this is about?"

"I have no idea," said Kate. "But I like moving around and I like winning, so maybe the goddess of Feng Shui has decided to shine on us today."

SNOWFLAKES
by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆◆◆
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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- QUESTIONS**
1. Which artist released the album titled *All Things Must Pass*?
 2. Who was the first to release "Blue Bayou"?
 3. Which group released "Tears of a Clown"?
 4. Who released "Venus in Blue Jeans"?
 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "There goes my baby with someone new, She sure looks happy, I sure am blue."

- ANSWERS**
1. George Harrison, in 1970, right after the Beatles broke up. It was a triple album: two records of songs and one of jams with other musicians. It went to No. 1 in most places around the globe. The 50th Anniversary box set (2021) did not do nearly as well.
 2. The song's writer Roy Orbison, in 1961. Linda Ronstadt released her cover of the song in 1977, and it became her signature song.
 3. Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, in 1970. Robinson had been about to leave the group until he saw how well the song charted. He stayed two additional years.
 4. Jimmy Clanton, in 1962.
 5. "Bye Bye Love," by The Everly Brothers in 1957. While The Everly Brothers' release is the best-known version, others gave it a try over the years, including George Harrison (who changed the lyrics after his wife left him).

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1. **Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania** (PG-13) Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly
2. **Avatar: The Way of Water** (PG-13) Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana
3. **Magic Mike's Last Dance** (R) Salma Hayek, Channing Tatum
4. **Puss in Boots: The Last Wish** (PG) Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek
5. **Knock at the Cabin** (R) Dave Bautista, Jonathan Groff
6. **80 for Brady** (PG-13) Rita Moreno, Jane Fonda
7. **Titanic** (PG-13) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet
8. **Marlowe** (R) Liam Neeson, Diane Kruger
9. **Missing** (PG-13) Tim Griffin, Ava Zaria Lee
10. **A Man Called Otto** (PG-13) Tom Hanks, John Higgins

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M ₃	O ₁	V ₄	A ₁	B ₃	L ₁	E ₁	RACK 2 =	<u>92</u>
D ₂	R ₁	Y ₄	W ₄	A ₁	L ₁	L ₁	RACK 3 =	<u>64</u>
C ₃	A ₁	L ₁	C ₃	I ₁	T ₁	E ₁	RACK 4 =	<u>64</u>
B ₃	E ₁	R ₁	O ₁	B ₃	E ₁	D ₂	RACK 5 =	<u>62</u>

PAR SCORE 260-270 TOTAL **341**

STICKELERS [sic].
by Terry Stickels

Using the numbers 1 through 16, can you fill in the blank squares so that all rows, columns and diagonals produce the same sum?

16	15	1	2
	10		
9	6	12	7

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BINGO LAND

STORIES FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

Getting Strategic About Bingo

In researching the latest in Bingo news, we came upon this information about improving your odds at Bingo, and while there is no real way, unfortunately, to actually influence the order in which Bingo numbers are drawn, there are some numbers systems that claim to help improve the odds of through analyzing numbers.

So, if you love to play Bingo, here are two popular strategies that may be worth exploring.

Granville's Method

The Granville method is used by stock market analysts to forecast price movements, and some claim it can help at Bingo. When selecting cards:

- * Have an equal ratio of high and low numbers
- * Have an equal ratio of even and odd numbers
- * Have an equal ratio of numbers ending in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9

Tippett's Method

Tippett, a British statistician, devised a system to increase the odds of winning in Bingo. Tippett assumed that the longer a 75-ball Bingo game goes on, the more probable it is that the balls drawn will be near the medium number of 38. Alternatively, he suggested that shorter games would have numbers closer to the outliers 1 and 75.

And here, to freshen your memory, are tens ways to truly improve your odds of shouting Bingo.

1. Get to the Bingo Hall Early

Preparation is key. Study the rules, the patterns and the schedule.

2. Pick the Right Seat

Choose a seat where you can see and be heard.

3. Play More Cards (if you can)

The more Bingo cards you hold, the better your odds of winning, just make sure you can actually keep track of those cards (and afford to play all those cards).

4. Don't Forget Your Bingo Dauber

Using Bingo daubers saves time and makes the patterns easy to see.

5. Play Games with a Smaller Group

The more people in the hall, the more your chances of having a winning Bingo diminishes, so attend weekdays when the crowds are thinner, and smaller halls to improve your chances of shouting Bingo.

6. Pick a Variety of Bingo Cards

You will have higher chances of winning if you choose cards that are distinct from each other (if you can).

7. Watch Out for Side Bets

Side bets can distract you from accurately marking your cards (and can have long odds), so make sure you are up to speed before adding side bets.

8. Pay Attention

This really should be number one. Missing numbers: not good.

9. Highlight Patterns

If it's allowed, mark unusual patterns before play with a pen or highlighter.

10. Practice Online

Consider sharpening your Bingo instincts in the comfort of your home where, if you screw up, nobody will see you.

ANIMAL CRACKERS

By Fred Wagner



FLASHBOARD NUMBERS

B: 01 04 06 09 12
I: 18 19 22 23 25
N: 32 33 37 38 42
G: 50 52 54 57 58
O: 62 65 68 71 73



Americanisms



"Have enough courage to trust love one more time and always one more time."
— Maya Angelou

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mysteriously. Regus' job as consultant is to "observe, streamline and improve," but he starts shaking up the office in a way that confuses and intrigues the studio's employees. His oddness provokes two employees, Craig and Elaine, to start questioning his motives and his ties to the CEO's death, as Regus broadens the lengths necessary for them to keep their jobs. Nat Wolff (*The Fault in Our Stars*) and Brittany O'Grady (*The White Lotus*) also star in this twisty series, which was originally based on Bentley Little's 2015 novel of the same name. (Prime Video)

Perfect Match (TV-14) — Move over, *Love Island* and *Too Hot to Handle*. Hosted by Nick Lachey, this new series is adding an extra layer of drama to an already dramatic premise — a reality dating show. A group of contestants staying at a villa must pair up among themselves to share a suite together each night, but the contestants who win at the daily challenges get control of the board, which gives them the power to break other couples up or bring in new people. At the end of their time in the villa, the participants themselves will decide which couple is truly a perfect match. As if that isn't enough chaos, most of the participants have already been featured in other reality dating shows like *The Circle* and *The Ultimatum*, so this isn't their first rodeo. (Netflix)

The Consultant (NR) — Academy Award winner Christoph Waltz (*Django Unchained*) stars in this bingeable comedy thriller series out now. Waltz plays Regus Patoff, a consultant who gets hired to head the mobile game studio CompWare after CompWare's CEO gets murdered

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Slots Q&A

Q: Is there a way to test a slot machine? For example, after how many losing spins in a row should you leave a slot?

A: The probability for hitting a winning combination is the same on every spin of the reels. So mathematically speaking, there's really no advantage in switching machines after a certain number of losing spins. Still, some players believe in slot testing. One popular testing method is to run \$20 through a machine just once. If you get \$10 or more of your money back, you stay with that machine for a while. If the machine gobbles up your money, you move on. Then there are players who run a \$5 bill through the machine just once. The belief behind slot testing is that most slots you see are in a "cold" streak. And the trick is to test as many slots as possible until you catch one in a "hot" streak. So, in this slot-testing method, you bet just one coin for four or five spins of the reels. If you get nothing back, you move on.

Bottom line. It's OK to test a slot machine if you like. But don't take it seriously. Just consider it part of the fun of playing slots. Winning is still a matter of being at the right slot at the right time.

Q: Does a slot machine pay more (or less) when I insert my players club card?

A: No. The card reader is there only to transmit the amount of your play to the central players club computer, which determines what comps the amount of your play entitles you to. Use of the card has no effect on the outcome of the game.

Stickelers Answer

16	15	1	2
4	3	13	14
5	10	8	11
9	6	12	7

★ Ever heard that old claim that watching scary movies will help you burn calories because they get your heart racing? Sorry, but the "study" that produced this finding was meant more for publicity than to be taken seriously. You're more likely to burn the same amount just by lounging on your sofa... and watching something like, say, *Bambi*.

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Horses and Husbands

April Fool's Day is cancelled this year. No made-up prank could match the unbelievable stuff going on in the world right now.
—Anonymous

Spring officially arrived on Monday, March 20. Flowers are budding; the Easter bunny is bounding through the thickets; trees are greening. Ah, sweet spring. Yeah, except I was married for the first time in April and when that husband and I parted ways, I was left with no lingering love for him or this month. I often mention my current husband, Robert, in this column. He was my seventh spouse after six previous ones who shall remain nameless. It's their punishment for being clueless as to my many charms. Thankfully, I haven't needed or looked for a number eight to torment.

Our latest gambling venture was to Harrah's Casino, Atlantic City. In 2022 I played there in the Millionaire Maker slot tournament. I won and am now a millionaire. Oops, that was in my dreams as I didn't win a dang thing. On our last trip to A. C. we traveled with Preferred Casino Junkets, Pennsylvania, which I've mentioned in previous columns.

No, I don't get rewarded, or compensated in any way, for writing about them, I just like the way they handle their junkets, on

time and stress free. Anyway, I laughed as I recently read about Atlantic City slogans to promote tourism. They included Do A. C. and Always Turned On, both inuendoes of sinful goings-on. To me, those slogans mean, turn on the air conditioning and for heaven's sake, leave it on. My hot flashes, demand it, even in the dead of winter. Any different interpretations of those slogans I leave up to others who may or may not get hot for other reasons.

In the 1900s horse diving was popular in Atlantic City; as opposed to slot diving which happens when over eager gamblers run at full tilt to the slots upon entering casinos. Horse diving involved horses jumping from a sixty-foot platform into a pool of water. The horse would then swim to the bottom of the pool and stand on a platform for the rider to dismount. The horse would then be pulled back up to the surface by a rope. Horse diving stopped in 1978 due to declining demand and pressure from animal rights advocates. Amen to that, as I totally agree with the animal rights activists. Yep, no horse diving, but besides casinos, there are myriad bingo halls in the immediate area. Just google bingo halls near Atlantic City for up-to-date information about each.

Lastly, I can't finish this column without mentioning St. Stupid Day, April 1st. Had I known of its existence, that would have been the perfect date for my first wedding. This aptly named day is celebrated annually in San Francisco with a parade. The public is encouraged to get into the spirit of things by behaving like fools with one of the highlights being the leap of faith. Parade participants close their eyes, jump, and believe that the Earth will still be there when they land. H-m-m-m. And by the way, April Fool if you believe I have had seven husbands. Two husbands were more than enough for me. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. E-mail nlpvzw6172@gmail.com, and I will reply, no fooling.

Growing papaya
For these plants you will need a frost-free climate, lots of sunlight, water and very good soil. Cut a papaya in half, scrape out the seeds, and sow them in the location you've chosen. Some will be "male" (long, thin stalks with several small blooms) or "female" (single blooms, bigger, and very close to the trunk); you only need one male for every 10-15 female plants. They flower at about 3 feet tall. You may be picking the first ripe fruit within 10 months.
—Brenda Weaver
Source: www.tropicalpermaculture.com

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Growing catnip
Set out catnip seedlings in a sunny, well-drained spot after the last frost of spring, spacing them 18"-24" apart (some can grow to 5 feet tall). Water regularly, and pinch back any spindly growth to get fuller, more robust foliage. Outdoor cats can be rough on these plants, as they like to roll and lay on them; try placing bamboo stakes every few inches to prevent their destroying them. For "indoor" kitties, pick off a sprig and bring it inside for your cat to enjoy on the floor or in its favorite bedding. —Brenda Weaver
Source: bonnieplants.com

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Shrinkflation: Beating Them at Their Own Game

"Shrinkflation." That's a word that's been in the news lately, and one that we need to pay attention to.

We know prices are increasing on our groceries. We see it every time we look at the price tags on the shelves when we shop, and at the checkout. But shrinkflation is a different thing and can be harder to spot. Shrinkflation is sneaky price increases.

In shrinkflation, the prices don't go up, but what we get comes down. This is impacting most things across grocery stores, including dairy, shampoo, meats, frozen foods, toilet paper, pet food, pastries, candy bars, laundry detergent, sliced cheese, tea bags ... well, everything.

Example: The price of a can of beans stays the same, but we get fewer ounces. Example: The price of a loaf of bread stays the same, but it's smaller. Same with cereal, which you'll have noticed when the box sizes changed.



Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Dental Care in Retirement

Dear Savvy Senior,
I had dental insurance through my work for many years but lost it when I retired and joined Medicare. Where can retirees find affordable dental care?
—Uninsured Al

Dear Al,
Unfortunately, about two-thirds of U.S. retirees don't have dental insurance today. Without coverage from traditional Medicare, and with private dental insurance typically costing too much to be feasible, most seniors are stuck paying full out-of-pocket prices every time they visit a dentist. While there's no one simple solution to affordable dental care there are a variety of options that can help cut your costs. Here's where to look.

Medicare Advantage: While dental services are mostly excluded under original Medicare, many Medicare Advantage plans do provide coverage for dental care, but it's usually very limited. Medicare Advantage plans are government approved health plans (usually HMOs and PPOs) sold by private insurance companies that you can choose in place of original Medicare. To shop and research Advantage plans in your area visit Medicare.gov/plan-compare or call 800-633-4227.

Dental insurance: If you have gum problems and need extensive dental care, a dental insurance plan may be worth the costs versus paying for care yourself. Monthly premiums for individual plans range from about \$20 to \$80. A typical plan includes two or three cleanings and checkups per year, but these plans will likely have a waiting period, anywhere from a few months to a few years, before coverage for more expensive procedures kicks in. To find dental plans in your area, see eHealthInsurance.com.

In my case, frozen meatballs at my local store dropped from 64 meatballs to 56... fewer for the same money.

Keep an eye on the unit pricing on the tag on the grocery store shelf. Yes, it's in tiny print (which is one reason to carry a small magnifying glass at all times), but the numbers will tell you the unit price per fluid ounce, pound or count. Over time you'll be able to see if you're getting less for your money.

Look at generics to save money (and, in many cases, get a better product) or just change brands. Buy more than one if the price is good, but watch the expiration dates.

Lastly, consider signing up for a store's loyalty card if you get cash benefits for doing so, and sign up for the emailed weekly sales flyer to shop from.

By shopping carefully, we can beat them at their own game.

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SNOWFLAKES
solution

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

Go Figure!
answers

1	+	6	×	3	21
×		×		×	
8	-	5	×	7	21
+		-		-	
9	-	4	×	5	25
17		26		16	

Boggle BrainBusters
Answers:

PUG HOUND BOXER
BEAGLE COLLIE
POODLE POINTER



Paw's corner
by Sam Mazzotta

Q: This winter, a lot of my family had colds and flu. Can my cat catch a cold from us? —Darlene, via email

A: Cats don't catch colds directly from humans, but they can suffer from upper respiratory infections that are just as uncomfortable.

A number of viral and bacterial infections can make your cat sick. Some of these, such as FVR (feline rhinotracheitis) and FVC (feline calicivirus) can be prevented by making sure your cat gets an annual checkup and vaccinations. An underlying health condition also can make your cat more susceptible to upper respiratory infections. Again, regular checkups and shots can keep it healthy.

What symptoms does a cat with a URI have? It may be sniffing and sneezing, along with a clear or cloudy discharge from the eyes or nose. Your cat also may have little to no appetite and might be lethargic.

Contact the veterinarian right away if your cat has any of these symptoms. The vet will want to examine your cat to confirm what kind of URI it has. Use a cat carrier so other cats in the waiting room won't be exposed, and to keep your cat safe.

Follow the vet's instructions on caring for your sick cat. You may be given a prescription, and you will be asked to keep the cat comfortable and warm, and to try to get it to drink water and eat some food. Dry food may be a turnoff, but it may eat a little wet food. If your cat won't eat or drink, contact the vet again — an IV may be needed to keep it hydrated.

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

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CryptoQuip
answer
What phrase would properly describe both dog food and the cost of a bus ride?
Greyhound fare.

WORD LADDER
Answer
FLIP, SLIP, SLID,
SAND, BAND, BIND

Even Exchange
answers

1. Stone, Alone	6. Bagger, Bigger
2. Divide, Divine	7. Moose, Mouse
3. Crate, Crane	8. Winery, Finery
4. Hoist, Moist	9. Leash, Least
5. Medal, Metal	10. Austen, Austin



Easter Greetings

BookTrib's
BookBites



Gravity Is Heartless

by Sarah Lahey

The year is 2050. Automated cities, vehicles and homes are now standard; artificial intelligence, CRISPR gene editing and quantum computing have become a reality and climate change is in full swing. Climate scientist Quinn Buyers would rather be studying the clouds than getting ready for her wedding.

But when a tragedy causes her to lose everything, including her famous scientist mother, her quest for answers takes her across the globe—and she uncovers friends, loss and love in the most unexpected of places. This bold, speculative fiction sheds light on the treatment of the planet as it offers a breathtaking sense of hope for the future. From She Writes Press.

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top ten

Least Energy-Expensive States*

1. District of Columbia (\$277)
2. New Mexico (\$377)
3. Nebraska (\$390)
4. Kansas (\$396)
5. Arizona (\$403)
6. Texas (\$416)
7. Louisiana (\$419)
8. California (\$430)
9. Arkansas (\$430)
10. Oregon (\$431)

*Average monthly energy bill

Source: WalletHub

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"Why ruin a good thing? I love my job when I'm not doing it!"



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

BINGO BUGLE SUDOKU ANSWERS

Nevada Happenings

New Hidden Speakeasy Opens

Vegas Eater has cracked open the latest hidden-bar door, this one into Easy's Cocktail Lounge "tucked away behind an unassuming doughnut stand" named Easy Donuts at Aria's new food hall, Proper Eats. "A false wall behind the cappuccino machine gives way to a velvet-enrobed lounge" with some very expensive drinks: \$27 for signature cocktails and \$50 for "showstopper" drinks. Here's how Eater describes two of the showstoppers. "The Smoke Show cocktail is served with a cigar box filled with candy cigarettes, a smoking ashtray, and two cocktails of bourbon, banana liqueur, sweet vermouth, and chocolate bitters in glass barware that looks like pipes. The Heart of the Ocean cocktail blends tequila, orgeat (syrup), lime, blueberry, and a black-seal foam for a briny inhale with every sip. It's presented within a glass seashell, inside a bowl of real seashells and, of course, floating over a dry ice fog. Blue LED lights ensure it catches the eye as it moves from the bar to your table." For food, you have your choice of—are you ready for this...caviar or donuts. And live entertainment the five nights a week it's open: Thurs-Mon. 6 p.m.-2 a.m.

Vegas History in Pictures

Take a cool online scroll through Insider.com's story, *A History of Las Vegas in Photos: How It Transformed from Railroad Town to Infamous Gambling Mecca*. In all, 35 photos and captions guide you from the early 1900s up until 1977 and the Insider took a deep dive into the archives to come up with a majority of them. If you like Las Vegas photo history, this is one page you shouldn't miss.

Bellagio Big with the Rich

The Wealth Report is an annual study conducted by Henley & Partners, a London-based consultancy that advises high-net-worth clients on residency and citizenship programs around the world based on investment. (For example, invest \$100,000 in the Caribbean island of St. Lucia and qualify for a passport in 90 days.) This year's report contains an interesting detail about Las Vegas. According to Henley, Bellagio is the number-two most popular hotel in the U.S. for centimillionaires. The Mansion at MGM Grand is number nine. (First place goes to the Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida, third is the Plaza in Manhattan, fourth the Beverly Hills Hotel, and fifth the Fisher Island Club in Miami Beach.)

Big Progressive Jackpot

A player recently sat down at a Wheel of Fortune Triple Gold Spin machine at the Bellagio and hit the progressive jackpot for a major \$3,257,830. When a progressive jackpot hits, the casino contacts the slot maker (the casino doesn't pay big progressive slot jackpots, the slot manufacturer does). The player declined to participate in publicity about the big win.

The Chicks Hit the Strip

In the midst of a four-month tour of North America and Europe, the Chicks, formerly known as the Dixie Chicks, will stop at Zappos Theater at Planet Hollywood for a six-show mini-residency on May 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, and 13. Founded in Dallas in 1989, the Dixie Chicks' current lineup hasn't changed since 1995, but the name changed to just The Chicks in 2020. The band has been nominated for a total of 111 awards (Academy of Country Music, Country, American, Billboard, Blockbuster, UK and Canada, Critics Choice, and Grammy music awards) and have won 61, including 16 Grammys.



by Gary Kopervas



QUESTIONS

1. Who penned an article — intended to be an April Fools' Day joke — for the April 1, 1985, issue of Sports Illustrated about Sidd Finch, a fictional New York Mets pitching prospect who threw a 168-mph fastball?
2. Eric Piatkowski, a 1994 first-round NBA Draft pick for the Indiana Pacers, has his No. 52 jersey retired by what college team?
3. What figure skater from Japan became the first woman to land a triple axel in the Olympics when she accomplished the feat at the 1992 Albertville Winter Games?
4. Name the Kansas City Chiefs running back who died while attempting to save three children from drowning in a Louisiana pond in 1983.
5. What U.S. swimmer won four medals at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London and was a contestant on Season 25 of ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*?
6. Basketball Hall of Famer "Phog" Allen was head coach of what college team from 1919-56?
7. South Africa's senior national rugby team is commonly known by what name?

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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ANSWERS

1. George Plimpton.
2. The Nebraska Cornhuskers.
3. Midori Ito.
4. Joe Delaney.
5. Victoria Arlen.
6. The Kansas Jayhawks.
7. The Springboks.



Lucky Predictions for April 2023

ARIES: March 21 to April 19
1st thru 6th... Stay with it the 1st!
7th thru 12th... Reason to shout the 10th!
13th thru 18th... Very impressive the 14th!
19th thru 24th... Outdo yourself \$ the 23rd
25th thru 30th... It's your game the 28th!

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20
1st thru 6th... Go get 'em! 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th... Hard cards lucky the 12th!
13th thru 18th... Dreams materialize 16th-17th
19th thru 24th... Right on the \$ 20th
25th thru 30th... You win the prize 25th & 30th!

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21
1st thru 6th... Bargaining pays off the 5th
7th thru 12th... Cool your jets
13th thru 18th... You win big 18th-19th!
19th thru 24th... A special day the 23rd!
25th thru 30th... RED hot 27th-28th

CANCER: June 22 to July 22
1st thru 6th... Win with GREEN 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th... Continued payoffs the 7th
13th thru 18th... BLUE sees ya thru 16th!
19th thru 24th... Totally in your favor 20th-21st
25th thru 30th... Make way for more 29th-30th!

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22
1st thru 6th... Best chances the 1st!
7th thru 12th... You've the upper hand 9th-10th!
13th thru 18th... Crescendo to winning 18th!
19th thru 24th... A given 19th; potential 23rd!
25th thru 30th... Uncanny luck the 28th!

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22
1st thru 6th... Advantageous 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th... You got it down 11th-12th
13th thru 18th... Not advised
19th thru 24th... Back on course 20th-21st!
25th thru 30th... Valuable attempts 29th-30th!

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23
1st thru 6th... Hit it mid-day the 1st!
7th thru 12th... Smart & fast 9th-10th!
13th thru 18th... PURPLE bags it 13th-14th!
19th thru 24th... Must play 2 win the 23rd!
25th thru 30th... RED rakes it in 28th!

SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21
1st thru 6th... Can't go wrong 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th... Bet modestly 11th!
13th thru 18th... Magical the 16th
19th thru 24th... Take the initiative 24th!
25th thru 30th... Week starts & ends well!

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21
1st thru 6th... Be there the 1st!
7th thru 12th... Giant leap forward the 10th!
13th thru 18th... Super wins 14th & 18th!
19th thru 24th... GO 19th, then wait
25th thru 30th... All about RED 27th-28th!

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19
1st thru 6th... More play for wins 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th... Cards in your favor 7th-8th
13th thru 18th... Yours 4 the taking 16th!
19th thru 24th... Very promising 20th
25th thru 30th... Sheer luck 29th-30th!

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18
1st thru 6th... Go for it 5th-6th!
7th thru 12th... Surprise wins 9th-10th!
13th thru 18th... Fantastic 14th-15th!
19th thru 24th... Top of the world 19th & 23rd!
25th thru 30th... Hold off

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20
1st thru 6th... Best to wait
7th thru 12th... Quietly strategic the 7th
13th thru 18th... BLUE for the win 16th-17th!
19th thru 24th... Steady wins 20th-21st!
25th thru 30th... Makes ya proud 24th-25th!

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

PREDICTORS

LUCKY CARD FOR APRIL 2023

4	23	34	49	74
7	17	35	54	73
10	19	★	53	69
15	26	44	47	64
2	20	37	60	67

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS

APRIL 2023

1st	April Fools' Day
2nd	Palm Sunday
6th	Full Moon
6th	Passover (first day)
9th	Easter Sunday
13th	Last Quarter Moon ☾
13th	Last Day of Passover
18th	Tax Day
20th	New Moon ☾
22nd	Earth Day
27th	First Quarter Moon ☽
28th	Arbor Day



Horoscopes for April 2023

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): You'll need a clone to help manage your highly energized pace this month. A wild array of new ideas will capture your imagination. What's the best way forward? Time management will be crucial. Also, feedback and guidance from those closest to you. You're now a mascot for the saying: "Spring has sprung!"
Lucky Days: 5 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 44

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): New relationships are forged in the most unlikely places in April. Your usual quota of physical magnetism is buzzing at a frequency that might actually keep you up at night. Use this new influx of energy to galvanize a project that's been simmering on the back burner since last summer. Show us what you've got.
Lucky Days: 19 - 22
Lucky Numbers: 10 - 50

GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUN 21): You're following two distinct energy channels this month. One involves creative inspiration; new facets of your imagination are ready to come into play. The other involves a struggle to organize your thoughts and plans to keep them on course to a successful outcome. Let your innate ability to manage novelty guide the way forward.
Lucky Days: 21 - 27
Lucky Numbers: 45 - 55

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Mars, the passion planet, stepped into your sign at last month's close. And this commences a new chapter in self-promotion. Most of last year found you listing options and possibilities for yourself with no clear-cut result. That's all changing now. Put on your running shoes. You're ready to race, and win.
Lucky Days: 7 - 14
Lucky Numbers: 3 - 58

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): For all of the natural exuberance associated with your sign, you also have a secret, shy side. April requires you to push past self-doubt and lay claim to your just rewards. High-octane energy is buzzing around you this month like a swarm of bees, find ways to tap into the flow—and let yourself shine.
Lucky Days: 12 - 18
Lucky Numbers: 5 - 28

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): Saturn, the work-hard planet, opposes your sign for a two-plus year transit. Relationships become the laboratory where you forge new plans for your future. This requires shifting your focus from the micro to the macro. Stepping outside yourself and into the world at large.
Lucky Days: 8 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 22 - 56

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): Your natural inclination is to find or establish harmony within your relationships. However, April presents you with a different, more complex puzzle. It's through disagreements (or misunderstandings) that you discover what's most authentic and valuable in your life now.
Lucky Days: 2 - 10
Lucky Numbers: 29 - 40

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): The key word for April is discrimination. As is self-discipline. The latter sounds boring, but if you're serious about expressing your creativity in a way that generates results, you'll want to follow the guidance of your wiser self. Avoid overindulgence and unnecessary distractions.
Lucky Days: 7 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 22 - 35

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): You need a strong dose of objectivity this month—a way to show you the difference between an actual problem and fallout from your overactive imagination. Enlist a trusted friend or counselor to offer feedback; the type of wisdom that gets your feet back on the ground. Commonsense works wonders this month.
Lucky Days: 9 - 11
Lucky Numbers: 49 - 50

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20): The power of transformation involves discarding what's unessential and championing the untried and original. You're influenced this month by outside forces that are difficult to identify and track. Still, find a way to align with this influx of creative power; you'll be pleased with its revelations.
Lucky Days: 4 - 9
Lucky Numbers: 22 - 44

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): Congratulations! Saturn, the planet of hard lessons and learning, has exited your sign. Life feels buoyant again, and you're in fine form. Where to start with this new version of yourself? By doing what you do best, working with your community to make the world a more equitable place for us to live.
Lucky Days: 6 - 27
Lucky Numbers: 20 - 48

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): The gravitas you've required to bring your creative inspirations to life has finally arrived. Saturn is now moving through your sign for the next two years. You can no longer dodge or censor the deepest callings of your imagination. Now begins the process of "now or never." Are you ready to give way to your calling?
Lucky Days: 2 - 9
Lucky Numbers: 8 - 28

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Asleep 2. Point 3. Corset 4. Paste
Today's Word: SISTER
JUMBLES: SENSE RHYME ZODIAC ANNUAL
Answer: Her bowl of romaine, dressing, parmesan and croutons looked so yummy, he wanted to — "SEIZE HER" SALAD
HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Sign is different. 2. Drape is shorter. 3. Pole stripes are reversed. 4. Number is different. 5. Hat is moved. 6. Tie is shorter.
CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: If we expect to create any drive, any real force within ourselves, we have to get excited. — Earl Nightingale

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* "It can be tricky to add new keys to a key ring, especially if you don't have much of a fingernail. I have found a foolproof way to get the key started. Just use a staple remover. It works wonders!" — *T.R. in Indiana*

* If you find that you have small scratches in your wood furniture, try this old trick: Rub a walnut over dings to cover them up. Or find a matching brown crayon, rub it lightly into the scratch, and finish with a hair dryer held 10 inches away for about 10-15 seconds. It melts the wax of the crayon, and then you can buff it with a soft rag. Any excess is swept away and the color remains.

* Got small kids? If your little one keeps rolling out of his bed, here's a tip: Use a pool noodle tucked under the fitted sheet, lengthwise along the edge of the bed. It's just enough of a bumper to send a sleeping child back to the center of the mattress.

* "If you have many mismatched frames that you would like to use, you can try spray painting them all the same color. I had several that were different colors and a little bit beat up, but I wanted to use them in one big group. I painted them all glossy black, and they look great!" — *W.F. in Arkansas*

* Hanging shoe racks are a wonderful organizational tool, especially the ones made of plastic that have see-through pockets. You can use them on the back of your bathroom door for small towels and toiletries, or how about on the back of baby's door as a diaper organizer? My favorite use is on the back of my garage door to hold all the cleaning bottles and solutions with other supplies. They are nice and high, and out of reach of little hands.

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

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My shoulder pain seems to be getting worse (lack of cartilage), and it is interfering with sleep. I haven't taken any pain medication for it, but I read that the best relief is from either aspirin or ibuprofen. I'd like to switch them back and forth — maybe two to three days with aspirin, then one day with ibuprofen (the most I can tolerate being 200 to 300 mg a day). How much aspirin is OK to use in this way? — *J.B.*

ANSWER: I recommend against the combination of a medicine like ibuprofen (or naproxen, like Aleve) and aspirin. They have similar toxicities and work nearly in the same way, so you don't get much more, if any, pain relief and instead increase the risk of kidney and stomach damage.

The combination of aspirin or an anti-inflammatory drug like ibuprofen with the drug acetaminophen (Tylenol) is commonly used and can lead to improved pain relief without a big toxicity risk when taken in the recommended doses.

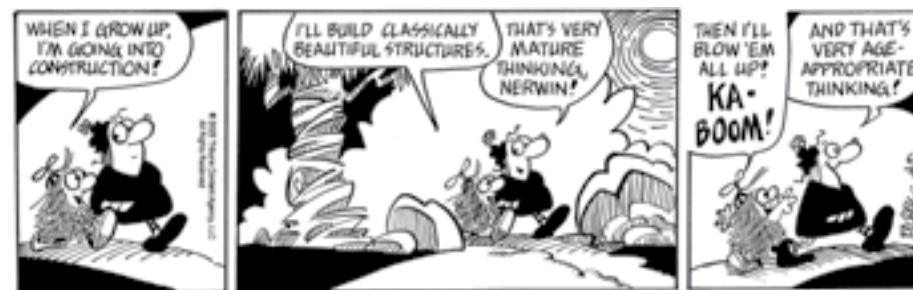
Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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BROOM-HILDA

By Russell Myers



Veterans Post



Honor Flights 2023

By the time you read this, the first Honor Flights of the year will be taking place.

Honor Flights are free trips to Washington, D.C., for veterans, a day of visiting the memorials and monuments dedicated to their service. The trips leave from one of 124 hubs around the country, with all details managed by a crew of volunteers. In 2022, there were 21,800 veterans who made the Honor Flights and 18,709 guardians with them. Since starting in 2005, Honor Flights have escorted over a quarter of a million veterans on these trips.

Because of the ages of elderly veterans, flights are currently restricted to veterans from the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War eras.

For those not near a hub, or for those in the five states without hubs, there is the Lone Eagle program. Any veteran is eligible, but priority is given to veterans from the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam eras. Each veteran needs to have a guardian along on the trip. Children or grandchildren are eligible, but they must be 18 years or older.

For veterans who are seriously ill (and who have less than one year to live), there is the TLC program. TLC in this case is taken to mean Their Last Chance — veterans who might not have time in the future to make a regular Honor Flight. Each TLC veteran needs to have one guardian, a trained caregiver who will manage all the required medical care for



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Reno, NV -- The Water Lantern Festival is coming to Sparks Marina on September 30, 2023. This event brings people of all ages and backgrounds together for a magical evening of music, food, and the stunning sight of thousands of floating lanterns illuminating the water. Visit <https://www.waterlanternfestival.com/index.php#locations> to register now.

Water Lantern Festival illuminates the night with the launch of personalized lanterns onto the water. Each unique lantern drifts out on the water as it joins other lanterns carrying messages of hope, love, happiness, healing, peace, and connection. It's a beautiful life experience and an uplifting night that attendees will never forget.

Experience this magical evening that includes tasty food trucks, games and activities, local vendors, great music and the beauty of thousands of lanterns lighting the water.

"The Water Lantern Festival offers a beautiful way to express your hopes, dreams, and aspirations," said Nate Sorensen, Event Director. "It's an evening that will stay with you long after it's over."

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For more information about the Water Lantern Festival, please visit www.waterlanternfestival.com or contact support@waterlanternfestival.com

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

that veteran. The costs are picked up by a donor. For specific info, contact Bobbie Bradley at 937-521-2400 ext 104.

To see the 2023 schedule and learn more about Honor Flights, go to www.honorflight.org.

Will you open your wallet to send a few dollars to Honor Flights to help more veterans make the trip? They're a nonprofit with a four-star Charity Navigator rating. You can donate online at the website or send a check to Honor Flight, Box L-4016, Columbus, OH 43260-4016.

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BOB ON BINGO

By Bob Whittmore

Being a Bingo Caller is Not Easy

Hi, everyone. Here we are—moving slowly (in some parts of the nation) toward better weather and the coming of Spring months. For many of us, it means that getting to Bingo is easier each week, less snow, fewer rain showers and less wind. It's the time of year when we can even go out without wearing a coat—and not have to worry about leaving it at the Bingo hall.

This time around we start off with a wonderful letter from the mailbag. For the more than twenty years that you and I have gotten together each month in *The Bingo Bugle*, my biggest thrills have been going on the road and meeting many of you in halls around the nation. The other thrill is reading my e-mail at bingo@earthlink.net.

Our letter this month comes from Deecko M. of Weehawken, New Jersey. It would seem, from his letter, that Deecko and I are about the same age.

He writes: "Many years ago I was a caller, many nights a week. Then marriage and bad health kept me away. Now I am back.

"I was very smug when I first went to the podium. After all, I am an expert.

Or, aren't I??? I quickly found that everything is now electric. When I used to call Bingo, we had a hand-cranked hopper with the Bingo balls and a home-made holder for the called numbers. We had a very primitive large board to show what numbers were called and at the end of every game, the runners had to call back the winning numbers—none of today's modern computer stuff.

"So, when I saw all the new stuff I ASSUMED that being a Bingo caller in today's world would be a lot simpler than it used to be. HOW WRONG COULD I BE?"

"My first night on the job was a DISASTER. I got mixed up and had the wrong game on the tote board, now and then. I forgot to do all the modern paperwork for the state on the winners. I forgot how much the payoffs were near the end when our special promotions were completed. I was a nervous wreck. A high school-aged boy yelled, 'Git with it, old man.'

"A long-time friend came up and asked me, 'Deecko, what's wrong? Don't you feel well? You look like death warmed over.'

"So, Bob, I guess the bottom line is that being a Bingo caller is not an easy task. I am reminded of a poem I once saw on the wall of a Bingo parlor in Vermont: THE BEST WAY TO FEEL LESS THAN TALLER...AND TO ACTUALLY FEEL MUCH, MUCH SMALLER...IS TO ASK FOR A JOB...WHERE THEY CALL NUMBERS AND DAUB...AND WORK AS A SAD BINGO CALLER."

Deecko, thanks for sharing your thoughts. I agree. We take Bingo callers for granted. Today, before you leave your hall, go up and tell the caller how much you appreciate him or her. Do it for Old Bob.

Next time: I am Only Going to Say this One More Time.

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Q: Whatever happened to Patricia Heaton? She had two very successful sitcoms, but I haven't seen her in anything since. Is she retiring from acting? — *L.A.*

A: The talented Patricia Heaton has been blessed to star in not only one but two hit sitcoms in her life. She played exhausted wives on both *Everybody Loves Raymond* and *The Middle* for nine seasons each and then starred in *Carol's Second Act*, but it was canceled after just one season.

Now she's bouncing back with another sitcom, which is yet to be named, with veteran comedy writers Carol Leifer (*Seinfeld*) and Andy Gordon (*Modern Family*). According to Deadline.com, Heaton will play "the host of an upscale lifestyle show sent to prison for embezzlement and tax evasion. She gets out after two years, forgotten and broke, and moves to Tennessee to live with her estranged sister."

The show will be filmed in Nashville, where Heaton has a residence, and will air on Fox. The only thing stopping it is the potential of a writers strike if negotiations with the Writers Guild of America come to a halt when their contract is up for renewal in May.

While there aren't as many network sitcoms as there used to be, the few that have premiered in recent years have generated quite a loyal audience. *Abbott Elementary*, *Ghosts* and *Night Court* all have already been renewed for another season before their current one has been completed.

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Don't Waste those Easter Eggs

Depending on where you live, eggs could be quite expensive right now. Even if you're fortunate enough to live in an area where eggs are still a great deal, pricewise, it's always a good idea to use as much of the food that you bring into your home as you can—before it spoils, of course.

After the Easter eggs have been dyed, and hidden, and found, many people rely on the same few recipes for using up the bunny's treasures. Deviled eggs are a common option, as is egg salad for sandwiches, but let's explore other uses.

Thankfully, boiled eggs are a versatile ingredient and can be used in many recipes. Here are some popular recipes that use boiled eggs (we'll get the two most popular out of the way first):

—Deviled eggs: Cut boiled eggs in half, scoop out the yolks, and mix them with mayonnaise, mustard, salt, and pepper. Refill the egg whites with the yolk mixture and garnish with paprika, chopped chives, or bacon bits.

—Egg salad: Chop boiled eggs and mix them with mayonnaise, diced celery, diced onion, Dijon mustard, salt, and pepper. Serve on bread or crackers.

—Cobb salad: Arrange boiled eggs, diced chicken, bacon, avocado, cherry tomatoes, blue cheese, and lettuce on a plate. Drizzle with your favorite dressing.

—Niçoise salad: Arrange boiled eggs, canned tuna, green beans, cherry tomatoes, potatoes, olives, and lettuce on a plate. Drizzle with a vinaigrette made with olive oil, Dijon mustard, and red wine vinegar.

—Potato salad: Mix boiled eggs, diced potatoes, diced celery, diced onion, and mayonnaise. Season with salt, pepper, and chopped parsley.

—Scotch eggs: Wrap boiled eggs in sausage meat, coat with breadcrumbs, and deep fry until golden brown.

—Ramen with boiled eggs: Add boiled eggs, cooked noodles, sliced green onions, and sliced mushrooms to a bowl of hot ramen broth. Top with sliced nori and sesame seeds.

—Pickled Eggs: Boil eggs and peel them, then soak them in a mixture of vinegar, water, sugar, and spices for a tangy and flavorful snack.

You can adjust any of the above recipes to your personal tastes. There are times I like my boiled eggs super plain—I shake some salt and pepper on a plate, dip the egg and eat. Even if Easter isn't a holiday you celebrate or participate in, these recipes are mighty tasty. Enjoy!

I wish everyone a Happy Easter, Passover, Spring, (Tax Day?)—and may you be surrounded by friends and loved ones as we enter a new season!

Boil potatoes until soft; peel and mash well. Stir in butter, cheese and one beaten egg, onion and seasoning. Form into croquettes, roll in remaining egg and breadcrumbs and fry in butter until golden brown about 10 minutes. Serves 6.

Dear Bingo Bugle Readers,
Here is a recipe I recently discovered in one of my many cookbooks. I tried it and loved it. So, now I am sharing it with all of you. — *Annie*

GIANT APPLE POPOVER

- 6 eggs
- 1 ½ cups flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 ½ cups milk
- ¾ cup butter or margarine, divided
- 3 large apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
- lemon juice
- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cinnamon

Beat eggs; add flour, salt and sugar. Stir until smooth; gradually stir in milk. Batter may be made ahead of time. Divide batter between two (9 inch) skillet with oven proof handles. Sprinkle apple slices with lemon juice and divide between the two pans. Sprinkle sugar and cinnamon over apples and sauce until glazed and golden. Add half the egg batter to each pan. Bake at 425 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes until puffed and golden brown. Serve at once.

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 Culvert 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.



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Better Indoor Air Quality

If your family is like most, you spend more time inside when it's cold and dark outside. On the one hand, that can make this a great time for enjoying baking, reading, board games, movies, and so on together. On the other hand, you're also all breathing in what could be poor-quality indoor air.

According to the EPA, that can aggravate asthma and increase the risk of respiratory problems, cancer and heart disease.

You can know it's time to get your ducts cleaned when you're dusting more often, the return air grills get covered in film or there are odd odors in the house.

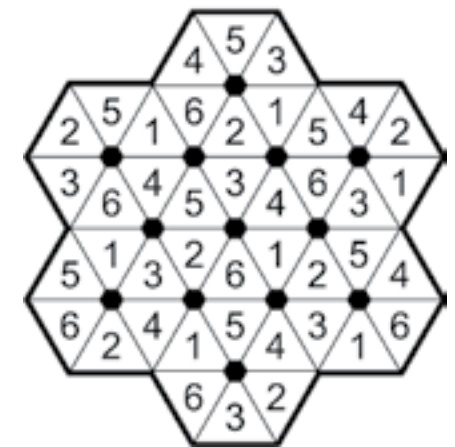
What To Do
Fortunately, five simple steps can improve your indoor air:

- Change air filters monthly. They trap pollutants such as pet dander, dust mites, and tobacco smoke.
- Dust with a damp microfiber cloth and vacuum regularly.
- Increase ventilation. Weather permitting, open a window to let fresh air in and stale air out.
- Get a humidifier. Winter air can be very dry and that can be uncomfortable. Humidifiers increase moisture in the air and reduce static electricity.
- Schedule air duct cleaning. Contaminants get pulled into the HVAC system where they can be a problem for people with respiratory conditions, autoimmune disorders, asthma or allergies. In addition, those contaminants cause the system to work harder, which shortens the life of your furnace and air conditioner and raises your electric bills. When you're ready to tackle those air ducts, choose a qualified contractor to ensure the job is done right.

How To Get Help
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