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\$34,136 DUAL DAUB PROGRESSIVE



On July 2, Las Vegas local Freema was playing bingo at **Sam's Town Hotel and Gambling Hall** when he hit the Dual Daub progressive, taking home a total of \$34,136! With 7 sessions played daily, it could be anyone's lucky day at Sam's Town Hotel and Gambling Hall. Congratulations to Freema on the incredible payday!

\$18,258 CASH BALL



Let's hear it for Thomas, 1pm Cashball Winner at **Green Valley Ranch**, for taking home \$18,258 cash in hand! Green Valley Ranch plays on the odd hours from 9am to 11pm daily. Enjoy the big win, Thomas!

\$4,227 BINGO WIN!



Oh what a feeling! Cayden is all smiles after playing bingo at **Palace Station** and winning \$4,227! Palace Station is open 7 days a week, with sessions running daily on the odd hours from 9am to 11pm. Congratulations, Cayden!



Carol & Amy split the 7pm cash ball at **Green Valley Ranch**, winning about \$6,400!! Way to go ladies!

Lucky Lotto News

Dog Brings Big Win

A Florida man has hit the lottery—and he's giving his pregnant dog Ivy credit for his good fortune. Leonard Linton, 42, of Pinetta, "received a call that Ivy was not feeling well" on the day he purchased his winning ticket, Florida Lottery officials said in press release. "To get to her as quickly as possible, Linton took a different route home," lottery officials explained. That different route included a quick visit to the Stop & Shop on Howard Street in Live Oak, where Linton purchased a \$10 "100X THE CASH" scratch-off game. To his surprise, he won the \$2 million grand prize. "I still can't believe it," Linton told the Lottery, adding, "This is life-changing." Linton claimed a one-time, lump-sum payment of \$1,645,000 at the Lottery Headquarters in Tallahassee. The Lottery shared a photo on Twitter of Linton smiling ear-to-ear while cradling his pup as he posed with his check. When asked what he would do with the money, the Madison County man said, "I'm definitely getting Ivy a new kennel!"

Gift Ticket is a Winner

Taylor Russey, who works at Bleachers Bar in O'Fallon said she has a regular patron who frequents the bar and often leaves behind tickets, according to a Missouri Lottery press release. "One of the regulars will buy the rest of the regulars in the bar lottery tickets every now and then, especially when it's high," Russey said. Much to Russey's surprise, she wound up with a winning ticket thanks to the generous customer—even though she didn't realize it at first—and was shocked when she learned someone who bought a ticket at the bar had won and wasn't speaking up. "I was like, 'Guys, who won all this money and didn't tell anybody?'" she recalled. Of course, the ticket was hers, and once she scanned it, she learned that she'd matched four of the

five white-ball numbers drawn plus the Powerball for a \$50,000 win.

Lottery Clubs Hits Powerball

A lottery club in Sterling Heights, Michigan won \$1 million in a February Powerball drawing. The ticket that won was bought at a Meijer store off of Van Dyke Avenue in Sterling Heights. "I purchased a Powerball ticket and put it in my purse to check it the next time we got together," TAJ Funds Lottery club member Tammi Lenhausen said in a press release. "I completely forgot about the ticket until a few weeks ago, so we went to the store together to check it." Kurz explained "We have played the Lottery together for several years and have always said that if we win big, we will split the prize." Both members recently claimed their share of the prize and plan to save the money for retirement and to help their families.

TV Strategy Pays Off

A South Carolina man has won more than \$100,000 after trying a lottery strategy he says was inspired by an episode of TLC's *Lottery Changed My Life*. The strategy was to spend \$25 per week for three months playing the lottery. During the first week, he won \$500. But on the seventh week, he took home \$100,000. The bigger prize hit on a Powerball ticket. He initially thought he won \$50,000 by matching two numbers, but fortunately his wife checked again and helped him confirm that he matched four of five white ball numbers and the red Powerball, which increased the prize. "I didn't even know how to play Powerball," the lucky winner told South Carolina Lottery officials. Following his back-to-back wins, he purchased a brand-new car. He's also sticking to his plan and will continue to buy lottery tickets through the three-month period.

HAPPY RETIREMENT!



The **Green Valley Ranch Bingo Room** celebrated Sarah's retirement. She was one of the cocktail waitresses at GVR Bingo Room. She opened this room in 2013 and worked for Station Casinos for 41 years! Pictured with Sarah are some of the GVR Bingo team! Congratulations on your retirement, Sarah!

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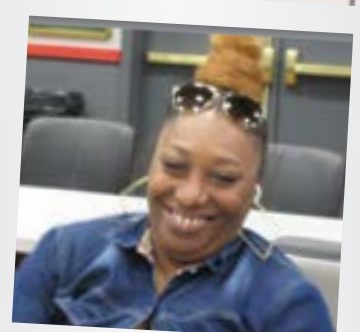
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COFFEE BREAK!

BINGO BUGLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Lingerie buys
5 Poet
9 Gas stat
12 "That hurts!"
13 Divisible by two
14 Ailing
15 Bullets
16 Crumbly cheese
17 Prompt
18 Jet forth
19 Raw rock
20 Contemptible
21 It holds the mayo
23 Masseuse's workplace
25 Native range horse
28 Psychedelic
32 Second president
33 Green shade
34 Hat
36 Spurn
37 Schedule abbr.
38 Ostrich's cousin
39 Piglet's papa
42 Rx meas.
44 Silent
48 Abrade
49 Venus de —
50 Item on stage
51 Anger
52 Responsibility
- 53 Lip
54 "Guinness Book" suffix
55 Shrek, for one
56 Stratagem
- 8 "CSI" evidence
9 Layered mineral
10 Calculator key
11 Merriment
20 Court no-show
22 No liability
24 Preface
25 Grimalkin
26 Fuss and feathers
27 Shriek bark
29 Slapstick missile
- 30 Plastic piping
31 Still
35 PG-13, e.g.
36 Rest
39 Cheese choice
40 Yours and mine
41 Help hoods
43 Speak unclearly
45 Pakistani tongue
46 Apparel
47 Duel tool
49 Cattle call

HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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



"Mother — what's the recipe for —?"

SCRAMBLERS

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

Decrease
ANEW
Much
FONTE
New
CENTER
Browse
SUPREE
TODAY'S WORD

JUMBLE

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

NEPDU
ROHAD
ZETALO
BOIMEZ

Answer here:



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 example, 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.

PGY KQNPTE NEAYA FD T
RTAP INEVEPERY BTAPYCTDL
DFP GDCEWY KYNPTD ITNPA
FH DYB SYNAXX
— BFFLX TCCYD

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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.

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

	-		x		21
÷		+		+	
	x		x		16
+		x		+	
	÷		x		12
15		15		19	

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: X equals S

QRLM IBG ZVQZIX OLA ARL
GMKBMABVVZNV L GJOL AB KVUTN
TBGMAZUMX, U'W XZI IBG'JL
WJZQM AB XKZVL.

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Conceptis Hitori

Each puzzle consists of a square grid with numbers appearing in all squares. The object is to shade squares so:

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

- 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.

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

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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. F. Fitzgerald | — T — | Lookout person | — U — |
| 2. Wedding day star | — D — | Saline | — N — |
| 3. President Ford | G — — — | Messenger | H — — — |
| 4. Tip over the milk | — I — | Enchantment | — E — |
| 5. Sink | — N — | Rudimentary | — C — |
| 6. Buzzing sound | — N — | Steered the car | — V — |
| 7. First in line | — A — | Banker | — N — |
| 8. Last pitcher of the game | — S — | Ireland's greenery | — V — |
| 9. Twisted string | — E — | Identical siblings | — S — |
| 10. Worldly | — L — | Grout | — R — |

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Boggle
BrainBusters!

**RUPI
WIS
GOKE
AGUM**

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE	YOUR BOGGLE RATING
3 letters = 1 point	151+ = Champ
4 letters = 2 points	101-150 = Expert
5 letters = 3 points	61-100 = Pro
6 letters = 4 points	31-60 = Gamer
7 letters = 6 points	21-30 = Rookie
8 letters = 10 points	11-20 = Amateur
9+ letters = 15 points	0-10 = Try again

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

**HIROY
CULEP
NANCI
DBUIH
HIFAN**

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NOW - AUGUST 19TH

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IN 8 RECEIVE AN EXTRA \$500
IN ADDITION TO REGULAR PAYOUT
CARD MUST BE VALIDATED TO BE ELIGIBLE

Visit the Bingo Room for details. Giveaways require minimum buy-in, while supplies last. Must be 21 or older. Management reserves all rights.

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RAMPART AUGUST BINGO PROMOTIONS

Endless Summer Bingo Jam – August 6 & 13

Every session includes:

- 4X \$1,000 coveralls
- Free hot dogs & chips
- 10 winners of \$50 free slot play
- Special \$69 room rate to stay at the JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort 8/5 & 8/6, 8/12 & 8/13

Spin To Win – Every Session, Every Day in August

- The first single winner gets to spin the prize wheel for comps & up to \$100 in free slot play

August 1 – 31 - 1/2 Price Bingo when paying with points

- Get a voucher from the Rampart Rewards Club
- \$20 for Bingo = \$10 in points

4X \$1,000 Coveralls

- Fridays & Saturdays at 7pm & 9pm
- Sundays at 11am & 1pm

Double/Triple Pay Sessions

- Monday – Saturday at 1pm
- Sunday - Thursday at 7pm
- 1st chance coverall - \$1,000; 2nd & 3rd Chance - \$250

Bonus R Balls – Twice a Week

- Every Monday & Thursday at the 11am, 3pm & 9pm sessions
- Bingo on B-8 or any number ending in 8 and receive an extra \$500 in addition to the regular payout
- Validation required

Winning Wednesdays

- Free small rainbow pack in the electronic unit – every session (a \$16 value)
- Minimum buy-in required – see Bingo Room for details



Enforcing a Ridiculous Rule

Hi Guy,

I get that Bingo needs to have regulations because it counts as wagering, but I don't see why regulations that are just as strict need to be enforced for the Bingo halls themselves.

Two months ago, I ran into this regarding bringing food into a Bingo hall I play at. I already knew that they had a policy against players bringing in their own foods and beverages. But I am on a new diet and cannot eat the burgers and fries they sell.

I brought in some fruit, and one of the workers spotted me removing the fruit from my backpack and placing it on the table. The worker came over and admonished me and told me to remove the food. I explained to her about the diet and that I don't eat the kinds of foods they sell, and the worker said I should go to the kitchen and request that they sell fruit.

Right then and there I got up from my seat and went to the kitchen and made my request that they provide fresh fruit. The woman at the counter said that they used to have fruit but that no one bought it, so they stopped having it. I told her of my conversation with the floor worker, and the woman said that the worker

was correct. I again asked if they would provide fruit in the future, and she said no. I responded that if they wouldn't provide it, I should be able to bring my own—she said that I couldn't and that it was against hall policy. She then turned and walked away from me. It seems to me that this is an unfair deal—I can't bring fruit because of the no-food policy, but they will not provide fruit for me. What am I supposed to do? —*Hungry in Ohio, via email*

Hi Hungry,

Your story really bugs me. This hall is enforcing a rule for the sake of the rule with no intention of holding up its side of the bargain. That's simply unfair.

The floor worker was correct in informing you of the no-food policy. And I give her credit for suggesting you put in your request to the kitchen. But once you followed the procedure and your request was turned down, all bets are off, and I think you should be free to bring in your fruit without being viewed as breaking any rules.

That said, I would still be smart about it. Don't blatantly set your fruit out on the table for everyone to see. Instead, simply cut it up ahead of time, put it in plastic bags and keep the bagged fruit in your pockets. When you want a bite, reach into your pocket and pull a piece out. Why invite trouble? —*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. Be sure to include your name and address (you may request that your name not be published), as typically Guy will not include anonymous letters in his columns.

Nevada Happenings

Super Bingo Coming to the Plaza

The Super Bingo tournament at the Plaza is a major event for bingo players from Toronto to Hawaii, typically drawing upwards of 1,000 people vying for the \$50,000 super coverall and \$160,000 in total prize money. The event will be held Sunday July 31 to Tuesday August 2 in downtown's only bingo parlor. Bingo-only registration is \$160 per person; the four-night bingo-hotel package is \$300 (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, two box lunches, and \$10 in free slot play after the first day's session.

Jigsaw Puzzle Convention

Apparently the "first-ever" event of its kind, the International Jigsaw Convention will take place at the Las Vegas Convention Center July 8-10. The festivities will include a puzzle display, collaborative mural, puzzle exchange, kids' playground, puzzle-completion lounge, various speed competitions with a grand prize of \$10,000, and an "ultimate challenge" to set a new world's record for the largest jigsaw. Entry is \$29.95 for a one-day pass and \$49.95 for all three days.

Deals for Non-Guests at Palms Pool

The Palms is welcoming locals at its SOAK pool Mondays through Thursdays with free admission (and a 25% discount on daybeds if available). On weekends, locals can use the pool for \$15. Non-locals and non-hotel guests can sun and swim at SOAK for \$15 Mon.-Thurs. and \$20 Fri.-Saturday. (Prices are subject to change on

holidays and for special events.)

Princess Diana Exhibit Coming to Crystals

"Princess Diana: A Tribute Exhibition" will open sometime in August at the Shops at Crystals. It will occupy a 10,000-square-foot space hosting twelve themed exhibit rooms, with collections from Diana's wedding to Prince Charles, her status as a fashion icon, her life as a royal, four dozen 18-inch-tall replicas of the 79 dresses she sold at a Christie's Auction to support her favorite charities, and of course a memorial. The opening date and ticket information were yet to be announced at press time; for updates, sign up at dianalasvegas.com.

Giant UTH Jackpot at Harrah's

An Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em player at Harrah's held the 10 and jack of spades to hit the Mega Progressive Jackpot for \$918,430 when the dealer flipped over queen, king, and ace in the community cards. The recent winner (unidentified) said that they will buy a house with the winnings.

Earth, Wind & Fire Return to the Venetian

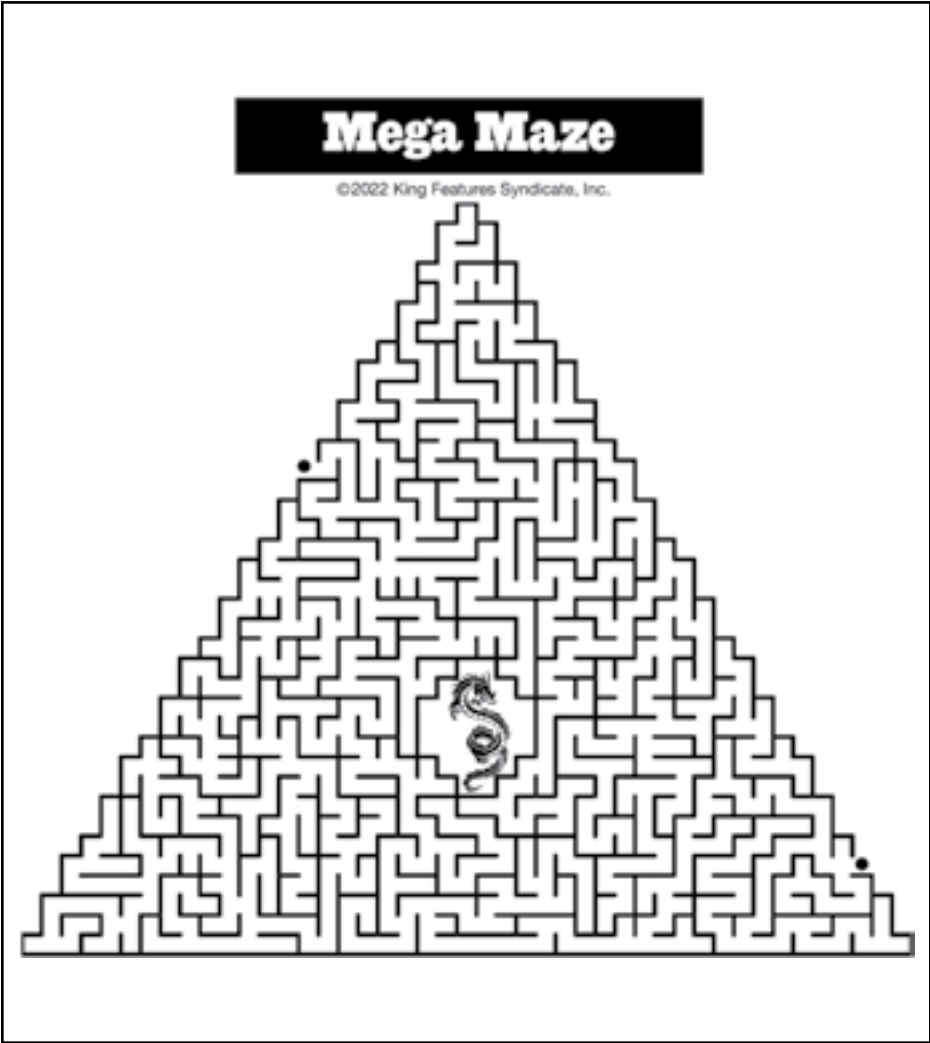
Earth, Wind & Fire likes to play Vegas. The band, which has 23 albums, eight number-one hits and is considered among the most innovative and commercially successful musical acts in history, appeared at the Venetian for six sold-out shows in 2018 and another six sold-out shows in 2019. They're returning for a seven-show engagement this fall: Oct. 26, 28, and 29 and Nov. 2, 4, 5 and 6 at 8 p.m., once again at the Venetian Theatre. Tickets are on sale now, starting at \$39 and soaring to \$1,588 for the first row.

For up to the minute information on Las Vegas visit www.lasvegasadvisor.com.

Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



Lucky Predictions for August 2022

ARIES: *March 21 to April 19*

1st thru 6th...
Keep your distance...avoid
7th thru 12th...
Mighty fine 10th-11th!
13th thru 18th...
It's in the stars 14th-15th\$\$
19th thru 24th...
GREEN card gain 19th-20th
25th thru 31st...
Bank on ORANGE 25th!

TAURUS: *April 20 to May 20*

1st thru 6th...
Bet early the 1st\$
7th thru 12th...
Plenty of \$\$ to spare the 9th
13th thru 18th...
Dream materializes 13th\$\$
19th thru 24th...
"Bam" on BLUE 22nd-23rd!\$
25th thru 31st...
Chances to win 27th-28th\$

GEMINI: *May 21 to June 21*

1st thru 6th...
All about the win 2nd-3rd\$\$
7th thru 12th...
Lookin' real good 10th-11th!
13th thru 18th...
Unstoppable you 15th!\$
19th thru 24th...
Bank on it 20th & 24th\$\$
25th thru 31st...
Affluence awaits 29th-20th

CANCER: *June 22 to July 22*

1st thru 6th...
Deserving rewards 4th/5th\$
7th thru 12th...
Not yet
13th thru 18th...
Welcome the godsend 13th\$
19th thru 24th...
Wealth expands 22nd-23rd\$\$
25th thru 31st...
GREEN cards rule 27th & 31st\$

LEO: *July 23 to Aug. 22*

1st thru 6th...
None can stop you 2nd-3rd\$\$!
7th thru 12th...
RED makes it happen 7th\$
13th thru 18th...
\$\$ is all yours 14th-15th\$\$
19th thru 24th...
Got it goin' on 19th-20th!
25th thru 31st...
Super week to play :-)

VIRGO: *Aug. 23 to Sept. 22*

1st thru 6th...
VIOLET rocks the 5th\$\$
7th thru 12th...
GREEN brings it the 9th\$
13th thru 18th...
Wind 'er up & go 18th!
19th thru 24th...
Blessed multiple x 23rd!\$
25th thru 31st...
Best chances the 31st\$

LIBRA: *Sept. 23 to Oct. 23*

1st thru 6th...
Surprises on the 6th!
7th thru 12th...
Big break 10th-11th\$\$
13th thru 18th...
Step back
19th thru 24th...
It gets interesting 19th-20th!\$
25th thru 31st...
Bets favored 25th\$

SCORPIO: *Oct. 24 to Nov. 21*

1st thru 6th...
Right up your alley the 4th\$
7th thru 12th...

Cash flows continuously 8th-9th!

13th thru 18th...
Luck increases 12th-13th\$\$
19th thru 24th...
Prosperity abounds 22nd-23rd
25th thru 31st...
Plenty o' \$\$ in hand 27th & 31st\$\$

SAGITTARIUS: *Nov. 22 to Dec. 21*

1st thru 6th...
ORANGE card called 2nd-3rd\$
7th thru 12th...
RED prevails the 7th\$\$
13th thru 18th...
Rush to win 14th-15th!
19th thru 24th...
Save it for the 24th\$
25th thru 31st...
Just your speed 25th!

CAPRICORN: *Dec. 22 to Jan. 19*

1st thru 6th...
Opportunity knocks 4th-5th\$
7th thru 12th...
Hard cards hot 8th-9th\$
13th thru 18th...
Triple blessings 13th!
19th thru 24th...
Chill
25th thru 31st...
Another break 27th-28th!\$

AQUARIUS: *Jan. 20 to Feb. 18*

1st thru 6th...
Best choices 2nd-3rd\$\$
7th thru 12th...
Riches are yours 10th-11th!\$
13th thru 18th...
Stay focused 14th-15th\$\$
19th thru 24th...
GOLDEN luck 19th-20th
25th thru 31st...
VIOLET victories 29th-30th!

PISCES: *Feb. 19 to March 20*

1st thru 6th...
BLUE luck 4th-5th!\$\$
7th thru 12th...
Risk is worth it 8th-9th!\$!
13th thru 18th...
On top & stayin' there 13th\$\$
19th thru 24th...
Treasure ahead 23rd!\$
25th thru 31st...
Chance to shine 31st\$\$

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

PREDICTORS LUCKY CARD FOR AUGUST 2022

12	29	43	59	73
10	18	39	47	69
15	17	★	60	66
6	27	33	57	74
2	16	44	58	63

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS

AUGUST 2022

3rd	Grab Some Nuts Day
4th	Coast Guard Birthday
5th	First Quarter Moon ☾
7th	Purple Heart Day
9th	Book Lover's Day
12th	Full Moon ☾
19th	National Aviation Day
19th	Last Quarter Moon ☾
21st	National Senior Citizens Day
26th	Women's Equality Day
27th	New Moon ☾
28th	Stuffed Green Bell Peppers Day



Horoscopes for August 2022

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): A new 12-year cycle is underway for you and this is the perfect time to initiate plans for the independence you crave. Don't lose heart if all of the pieces aren't coming together as quickly as you'd like. Pace yourself. You're still involved with divesting from previous commitments that continue to linger. Commit to studying a subject that expands your view of the world.
Lucky Days: 9 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 1 - 11

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): The full Moon on the 11th fixes your attention squarely on finances. You'll want to explore new ways to align with frugality. Hire a business adviser if necessary. Dreams offer clues to follow for planning your future, so pay attention to the nocturnal guidance this month. Your ruler shifts into a fire sign mid-month, bringing an extra degree of pizzazz to your charm quota.
Lucky Days: 8 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 12 - 34

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): Your mind is working overtime, trying to parse your options and decide where you'll focus your energy for the remainder of the year. It's great to have variety, but as the full Moon discloses on the 11th, you'll gain better mileage by choosing just one or two key projects to commit to. Suddenly less becomes more, in a very literal way. Get on board with the streamlining.
Lucky Days: 9 - 15
Lucky Numbers: 55 - 58

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Because you're ultra-sensitive to vibes, moods and subtle energies, give proper attention to how you arrange your living environment this month. Home has always been a big part of your happiness equation, and you'll want to pay attention to what and who is allowed into your space presently. The full Moon on the 11th shifts your focus to the more practical side of life.
Lucky Days: 7 - 10
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 19

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): Ruled by the Sun, lions are gifted with star quality. This month you reconsider all of the ways that you're radiating your influence into the world. The only catch is Saturn in your opposite sign. This forces you to work twice as hard for half the results. Don't complain, intense periods like this pass, and what they leave behind will inspire you to commit even more to your chosen path.

Lucky Days: 3 - 9
Lucky Numbers: 12 - 51

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): The planet Mercury in your sign energizes your already stellar sense of humor, no one can deliver a satirical aside like you. The transit also brings a lighter touch to any complicated areas of life that require cleverness to conquer. Study diligently the various angles and views related to any opposition you're caught in. Careful analysis will free you from even the most complicated mess.
Lucky Days: 23 - 26
Lucky Numbers: 45 - 50

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): Your ruling planets slips into a fire sign at the start of the month and amplifies your already magnetic nature. With this comes the desire to move within a new social circle, to connect with folks who are keen to show their appreciation and offer you their assistance. Take advantage of their interest and support. A project that you've been finessing since the start of the year is ready to bloom.
Lucky Days: 4 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 41- 46

SCORPIO (OCT 24th-NOV 22nd): You're one of the Zodiac's more patient signs, but lately you've reached your limit for waiting and watching. The full Moon on the 11th will be a game changer. Still, August is about mastering the art of taking measured, consistent steps that bring real results. Your ruler shifts signs later in the month, providing you with a keen mental edge to master life's chess board.
Lucky Days: 7 - 28
Lucky Numbers: 23 - 38

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23rd-DEC 21st): Places—and traveling to them—is an important part of your happiness equation. You're not one to stick with the old "there's no place like home" bromide. The pressure is on for discovering new sights, sounds and people this month. Arrange for a way to make travel part of your agenda.
Lucky Days: 8 - 11
Lucky Numbers: 2 - 5

CAPRICORN (DEC 22nd-JAN 20th): The full moon on the 11th involves Saturn, your ruler, and sets a somber tone for the second half of the month. Use this period to relax and reassess what exactly you're committing your energy towards achieving. We each have an allotted amount of energy (and time left on earth) and this is a great month to move your most important priorities to the front of the line
Lucky Days: 6 - 22
Lucky Numbers: 7 - 17

AQUARIUS (JAN 21st-FEB 19th): The full Moon on the 11th finds you attracted to mature folks that have a good amount of wisdom and insight under their belt. Why? You're preparing to enter a new phase of life where slowing down and going deeper are the only pastimes that will truly satisfy. Transformations in your social world indicate that a new life path is about to reveal itself to you.
Lucky Days: 13 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 8 - 16

PISCES (FEB 20th-MAR 20th): Your sign is gifted with an interest in both the imaginal and rational sides of life, although sometimes you put these two parts of your nature into opposing corners. August is about allowing your mystical, magical nature to dominate. To set aside your practical hat and commit fully to wandering, dreaming, and discovery.
Lucky Days: 7 - 18
Lucky Numbers: 23 - 50

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Wane 2. Often 3. Recent 4. Peruse

Today's Word: TOAST

JUMBLES: UPEND HOARD ZEALOT ZOMBIE

Answer: When they carved the Jumble into the side of the mountain, they made a — **HARD PUZZLE**

HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Arm is moved. 2. Boat string is missing. 3. Cloud is different. 4. Sail is different. 5. Camera is missing. 6. Log is missing.

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: The curtain rises on a vast primitive wasteland, not unlike certain parts of New Jersey. — Woody Allen

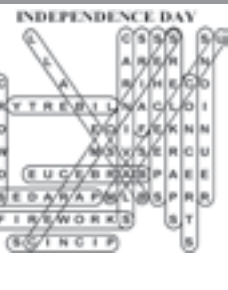
BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS



SUDOKU ANSWERS



MAGICMAZE ANSWERS





Michael won the 2nd chance cashball at **Green Valley Ranch** for a total of \$2,988 on his birthday! Congratulations on your special win, Michael!

DEAR AUNT BINGO

by Bonnie Mitchell

Share and Share Alike?

Dear Aunt Bingo,

I have a dear friend who is also a Bingo buddy. Every so often she will bring up the topic of people who play Bingo together and have an agreement that whatever prize money they win, they share.

It is pretty obvious to me that she would like us to do the same thing. But to be honest, she isn't very lucky—I win more often than she does and would be on the losing end of the stick if I agreed to share our winnings.

I do not believe for a minute that she is trying to dip into my winnings because she does not win a lot. I truly believe that it is a Bingo buddy friendship thing and that she likes the idea of “partnering” because we are friends. But I simply do not want to do it. So far, I’ve just kind of listened and nodded and changed the subject whenever the topic of prize splitting has come up. Do you have any suggestions about how to put an end to this idea once and for all? —*Single Winner, Nevada*

ASK ANNIE

LET'S GET COOKING!

by Annie E. Ennis

Recipes for Reliving Childhood

Dear Annie,

When I was a little girl, my great grandma used to make me gingerbread squares. Unfortunately, we have lost all of her recipes. Is there any chance you have a recipe for gingerbread squares? Please help me relive my childhood and help me make them for my grandchildren. Also, any chance you have a good fudge recipe? *Gladys Sue from Seattle*

Dear Gladys Sue,

Hopefully the gingerbread square recipe I have for you will remind you of your youth. Also, here's a great vanilla fudge recipe. Enjoy both recipes. Stay safe and healthy. —*Annie*

GINGERBREAD SQUARES

½ cup butter
½ cup sugar
½ cup molasses
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 eggs
1 ½ cups flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon powdered ginger
1/4 teaspoon allspice
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 cup cold water
1 can moist coconut

Cream the butter and sugar in a large bowl. Add all the other ingredients in the above order. Bake in a shallow pan that has been greased in a 350-degree oven for 30 to 40 minutes. Cut in squares and serve with whipped cream. Serves 6 to 8.

VANILLA FUDGE

2 cups granulated sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons light corn syrup
1 cup milk
2/3 cup cream
1 teaspoon vanilla

Place sugar, salt, corn syrup, milk and cream in a saucepan. Cook slowly, stirring constantly until the mixture boils. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until soft-ball stage is reached. Cool and add vanilla. Beat until the mixture thickens and loses its gloss. Pour into greased pan and when cool cut into squares.

Your comments and questions about cooking and entertaining will be addressed in this monthly column. Write to “Ask Annie” c/o Annie Ennis, 17050 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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COUCH THEATER

BY RACHEL ROSE

PICKS OF THE MONTH

The Matrix Resurrections (R) — The fourth installment of *The Matrix* film franchise is available once again on streaming for those who missed its original premiere in December. *Resurrections* takes place 60 years after the last film, following the beloved duo of Neo (Keanu Reeves) and Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss), whose memories, since their resurrections, have been suppressed. Outside of the Matrix, Bugs, captain of a hovercraft called the Mnemosyne, recognizes Neo in his suppressed form and is able to extract him from the Matrix's grip, awakening his true memories and identity. Now, with the help of Bugs and her crew, Neo can help to free Trinity and once again overcome the mind-bending Matrix. Overall, this installment maintains the essence of the previous films while adding interesting new characters and plotlines, but it also has a lot of lighthearted, comedic moments that, at times, feel quite Marvel-esque. (HBO Max)

R.F.D. *by Mike Mariand*

celebrity extra

by cindy elavsky

Q: I saw that Leah Remini is replacing Matthew Morrison as a judge on *So You Think You Can Dance*. I've always liked her, but does she even have professional dancing or choreography experience? —*N.E.*

A: I have to say I was puzzled when I first heard that sitcom actress and anti-Scitology crusader Leah Remini will be judging a dance competition, but Fox is confident in her abilities. She's also been a contestant on *Dancing with the Stars* and even served as a guest host and judge on that same program. She's also best friends with someone who certainly knows a lot about dance, the multitalented Jennifer Lopez.

Remini doesn't appear to have any reservations about accepting the job just in time for its 300th episode, saying that she's a fan of the show and “can't wait to see the artistry that the contestants bring to the stage!”

In my opinion, Remini should make an excellent judge. She's opinionated and hilarious, and she should fit right in with fellow panelists JoJo Siwa (*Dance Moms*) and *SYTYCD* alum Stephen *Witch* Boss. Gone from the show are judges Nigel Lythgoe and Mary Murphy. For those seeking familiarity, longtime host Cat Deeley has returned for the show's 17th season.

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top 10 movies

1. Jurassic World Domination (PG-13)
Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard
2. Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13)
Tom Cruise, Miles Teller
3. Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness (PG-13)
Benedict Cumberbatch, Elizabeth Olsen
4. Bob's Burgers (PG-13)
animated
5. The Bad Guys (PG)
animated
6. Downton Abbey: A New Era (PG)
Hugh Bonneville, Maggie Smith
7. Everything Everywhere All at Once (R)
Michelle Yeoh, Stephanie Hsu
8. Firestarter (R)
Zac Efron, Ryan Kiera Armstrong
9. Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (PG)
James Marsden, Jim Carrey
10. Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania (NR)
Nazriya Nazim, Nani
Source: Box Office Mojo

Mega Maze

Solution



Gaming News

Record-Setting World Poker Event?

The World Poker Tour and the Wynn have announced a tournament that they claim will set the record for the largest guaranteed prize pool in live tournament poker history. The 2022 WPT World Championship at the Wynn will feature a \$10,400-buy-in No-Limit Hold 'em main event with a guaranteed \$15 million, no matter how many players enter. The championship event will be the climax of the WPT World Championship that will run Dec. 1-20; three single-entry starting flights will take place Dec. 12-14, with the champion crowned on Dec. 20. The final table will be televised.

Sports Betting Scorecard

Sports betting is now legal in Kansas and Maine, but don't expect bets to be placed in either state anytime soon. In Kansas, a convoluted legal challenge that involves historic-horse-racing machines will hold things up, at least for a while. And the procedures for live betting in Maine aren't expected to be sorted out until as late as 2024. Efforts to legalize sports betting in Minnesota and Missouri have been stymied for this year.

Smoke-Free Casinos Make Money

A study by Las Vegas-based international consulting company C3 Gaming, “Evaluation of Post-Pandemic Non-Smoking Trends in U.S. Casinos,” has found, by examining gaming revenues in commercial casinos since the end of pandemic restrictions, that “casinos that implemented smoking prohibitions did not experience any drop in revenues or lost market share to nearby casinos that continued to offer smoking environments.” Furthermore, 157 tribal casinos banned smoking “at no economic cost”; indeed, they increased profitability due to reducing maintenance costs. The recent report also cited consumer research last year in the Pacific Northwest in which only 4% of respondents said that “smoking is allowed” determined which casinos they frequented. The C3 report concludes, “Current data from multiple markets clearly indicate that banning smoking no longer causes a dramatic drop in gaming revenue. In fact, non-smoking properties appear to be performing better than their counterparts that continue to allow smoking.”

Thoroughbred Racing National Commission

The Horseracing Safety and Integrity Authority (HISA) was federal legislation that created a single national commission to oversee the horseracing industry for the first time in its history; it was backed by both Kentucky senators and signed into law in late December 2020. It's due to go into effect on July 1, ushering in a new era for racetrack safety standards on that day. The next milestone will take place on January 1, 2023, when national anti-doping and medication-control regulations kick in. For the nearly 360-year history of horseracing in the U.S. (the first track opened in 1665 in what's now Hempstead, New York), the industry has been governed by competing jurisdictions with their own rules and regulations. However, following scandal after scandal over the last three years (42 fatalities of horses at Santa Anita in 2019, the two-year Kentucky Derby ban of the sport's most famous trainer, Bob Baffert, the disqualification of the 2022 Derby winner Medina Spirit, the 2023 trial of trainer Jason Servis for drug violations), and many more over the past decades, horseracing guidelines and messaging will be overseen by a single national body. The industry isn't going down without a fight, of course. Lawsuits filed in Kentucky and Texas challenging HISA's constitutionality failed, the Texas Horse Racing Commission has threatened to shut down racing in the state, and the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, the trade association for trainers and owners, has asked that the new rules be pushed back 18-24 months. But thus far, it looks like the deadlines for compliance will stand.

top ten

INNOVATIVE COMPANIES

1. Apple
2. Google/Alphabet
3. Amazon
4. Microsoft
5. Tesla
6. Samsung
7. IBM
8. Huawei
9. Sony
10. Pfizer

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BOB ON BINGO

By Bob Whittmore

Love Those Daubers

I have always thought that one of the really fun things about playing Bingo are daubers. We take them for granted, you know. Most daubers are all nearly the same size. There are, though, some that are much larger, and some are what you might call “tiny.” The ink used in the daubers is generally non-staining and non-toxic.

All this reminds me of a woman named Gloria whom I used to see at Bingo in Las Vegas. She had a special bag in which she brought her daubers. She must have had thirty or more of them. One night I noticed that some of her daubers had ink that looked really strange. I had never seen such odd colors. I eventually found out that she was actually mixing the inks. She had a small pair of pliers in her bag and would keep topping-off her daubers by filling some with others that were running out.

Although her cards were daubed with some really odd colors, her system seemed to work well...until one night. While she had the tops off two of her daubers, someone came by and accidentally bumped into her chair.

Suddenly, she had dauber ink all over her dress and the table and, worse still, she had it all over her hands and face and...her Bingo cards were TOTALLY covered.

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Veterans Post



10-Foot Stack of Mail Sits Unopened at VA

Imagine a pile of mail heaped 10 feet high sitting unopened for 10 months. That's what was found in the basement of a rented Department of Veterans Affairs facility in Atlanta. When investigated, the stack was determined to contain 17,660 pieces of mail that included claims, correspondence, 10,020 medical records and \$207,000 in checks, some of which had already expired.

The problems began when a health care arm of the VA wanted to commandeer the basement space being used by a VA payments group. They came to a verbal agreement that the new group would take over dealing with the mail if the payment group left. Except nobody asked the new group if they even knew how to process correspondence, records and checks. Apparently, nobody did.

So, although the new people took a stab at dealing with the mail, for the most part the pile sat and grew as more mail came in. The new group asked the old group for help. The old group said no. Enterprising souls in the new group sent off some of the mail to other facilities — 14 boxes to one facility alone — which sent it right back. They tried again, sending another 13 boxes.

What happens when payment requests are ignored? Veterans can't go to that outside provider and treatment is delayed or denied. Appeals can be denied if not received in time. Veterans with bad test results may not be notified.

Within a short period of time after the report came out, the VA acted and got the backlog cleared up.

The worrisome part of this is that with a coming consolidation of 82 claims processing groups at the VA, this can happen again if steps aren't taken to ensure that mail is handled correctly.

To learn more, go to www.va.gov and search for "unopened mail backlog."

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

★ Bugs Bunny's relaxed manner of eating carrots was inspired by a scene from the movie *It Happened One Night*, in which Clark Gable crunches on the vegetable while chatting with Claudette Colbert.

★ Caliginophobia, also known as Venustraphobia, is the fear of beautiful women.

★ Pale skin was such a big fad in the 1700s that some French women even drew over their veins in blue pencil to accentuate their ethereal look.

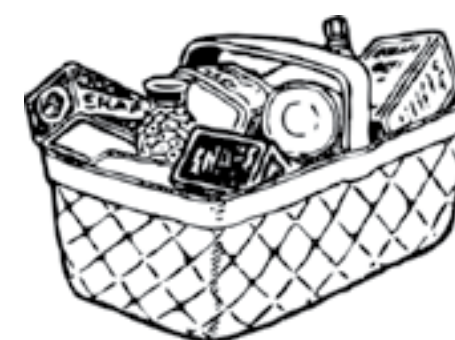
★ The first guidebook for Stonehenge, published in 1823, claimed the formation was one of the few ancient structures that survived the Old Testament flood.

★ On average, less than 18 minutes of a baseball game is actual action.

★ While many people are attracted by the promise of greener pastures, more than 100,000 are ready for those of a redder hue — they've applied for a one-way trip to Mars as part of The Mars One project.

★ Vampire squid, which live in Monterey Bay, get their name not from drinking blood (they live on plankton), but their intelligence: They've been known to create complex geometrical patterns on the ocean floor.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Scent-sational

I love a good scent. Some scents evoke pleasant memories, others simply appeal to me. Sadly, due to contact dermatitis, I have to be careful when using perfumes, colognes, or even scented soaps. That doesn't mean I can't find workarounds. I apply perfumes to my clothing, and—so far—I can tolerate a small amount on my wrists, so at least I have that.

I also enjoy using scents in my home. I try to choose scents based on the room. A scent with a lavender base in my bedroom is calming. A linen or cucumber or light citrus blend works well in the bathroom. Depending on my mood or on the season, I might use home scents that rely heavily on apple or pumpkin (Autumn), flowers (Spring and Summer), peppermint (Winter), and so on.

A few quotes on scents: "Nothing brings to life again a forgotten memory like fragrance." —C Poindexter

"Scent is the strongest tie to memory"

—Maggie Stiefvater

"Perfume is a mark of female identity and the final touch of her style." —Christian Dior

When I was a young girl, my mother (and all her sisters) had a bottle of Rose Milk Lotion on the vanity or dresser. I can still remember that scent, though I can no longer find the product. My mother's "signature scent" was Estée Lauder's White Linen (or Prince Matchabelli's Wind Song when money was tight). It smelled simply lovely on her, but when I tried to use it...nooooo...not the same at all. It always rather irked me that, try as I might, I couldn't get the same result. But then I grew older and found my own preferred perfumes. Two of my favorites were Estée Lauder's Beautiful and Christian Dior's Poison. And I still like them, even if some snotty teen told me "Those are old lady perfumes". Hey! I was COOL and AWESOME when I wore those religiously...umm, 40 years ago (uh oh).

I recently started experimenting with essential oils as home fragrances. I typically use single-note scents, though I am learning to mix scents. Sometimes the results are fabulous, and sometimes I have to open a window and turn on a fan. I sprinkled a tiny bit of magnolia essential oil on my furnace filter and for a few days my house smelled wonderful each time the air conditioning came on. Unfortunately, it was only a few days before that effect faded. I purchased an air diffuser and I move it from room to room until somebody says, "What stinks in here?" then I quietly move it to another room. As I said, I'm still experimenting, not only on blends but also on intensity of the fragrances. My rule of thumb: If I can smell it before I open the front door upon returning home, it's probably too strong. Also, if my eyes start to water...tone it down. Still, it's fun, and not very expensive to experiment with essential oils. More skilled people use these oils to create actual body scents and lotions. I'm not up to that level yet. I considered my furnace filter treatment a personal triumph, but I'll get there.

So, if you run into a woman who smells like an odd mixture of eucalyptus, magnolia, lavender, and patchouli, that's probably me, and I apologize in advance.



Orchids

For orchids grown in containers, the bottom must have enough drainage so the roots never sit in water. Slatted baskets made of rot-resistant wood work well. Put a layer of sheet moss, some soil and a layer of stones or shells for a top dressing across the bottom before putting in your plant, and for support. Hang it up near indirect light exposure, and mist it for moisture.

Source: www.orchidsmadeeasy.com

—Brenda Weaver

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All parts of the dandelion are edible and healthful. Its roots contain inulin and levulin (which balance blood sugar) and taraxacin (which helps digestion) and can be eaten raw or cooked. Its leaves are rich in potassium, antioxidants, and vitamins A and C, and can be eaten raw, steamed, boiled, sautéed or braised. The flowers can be added to salads, made into jellies or used to make wine.

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