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\$41,000 PROGRESSIVE WINNER!



Congratulations to the Progressive Winner at **Red Rock** for taking home a stone cold stunning prize worth \$41,000! Red Rock plays Bingo daily on the odd hours from 9am to 11pm. A big bingo win is the perfect way to kick off the Holidays. Cheers to the Progressive Bingo Winner at Red Rock!

\$3,319 LUCKY WIN!



This lucky winner played during the 1pm session at **Boulder Station** and took home a \$3,319 jackpot. Boulder plays daily from 9am to 11pm. Congratulations!

MULTIPLE WINS!



Lady Luck is on their side! These three friends Dee S., Debie S., and Suzanne G. all won over \$250 each, hitting the jackpot multiple times at **Virgin River**. No better way to spend a day with your besties. Virgin River plays daily from 9am to 11pm.

Aquarius Casino Resort and Edgewater Casino Resort to Host 12th Annual “Feed-A-Family” Charitable Initiative Super Bingo at the Plaza

Laughlin, Nevada – Nov. 1, 2023 – Aquarius Casino Resort, located at 1900 S. Casino Dr., and Edgewater Casino Resort, located at 2020 S. Casino Dr., will host the 12th annual “Feed-A-Family” charitable initiative in support of local Laughlin area families, beginning Wednesday, Nov 1. through Saturday, Dec. 25.

The annual “Feed-A-Family” program provides boxes of food to families in need through partnerships with local food pantries for the upcoming holiday season. For every 25,000 True Rewards points contributed, Aquarius and Edgewater will purchase and donate one box of holiday food sized to feed a family of four. Each box includes a ham or turkey, along with traditional holiday fixings of potatoes, gravy, vegetables, stuffing and pie.

“We are honored to be a part of the Laughlin community and our ‘Feed-A-Family’ initiative is a way that we can give something back that directly impacts local families,” said Jeremy Jensen, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Aquarius and Edgewater. “Holiday meals with loved ones are something special but we often take them for granted, so knowing that we’re able to bring that joy to families who need it most is heartwarming and what the holidays are all about.”

To participate, True Rewards members may contribute any number of points or monetary donations, which will be allocated towards the purchase of food items included in each box.

Since the program’s inception in 2012, Aquarius and Edgewater have fed thousands of families in need. Participating food pantries include ACS Food Bank, BHS Homeless Youth Program, Colorado River Food Bank, Cornerstone Mission, Food for Families, Golden Valley Family Resources, Havasu Community Health Foundation Food Bank, Isabel’s Pantry, Kingman Food Bank, Mohave Valley Food Pantry, Nana’s Pantry, Needles Community Partners, Set Free Church and St. Vincent de Paul.

More information is available about Aquarius on the website at www.AquariusCasinoResort.com and about Edgewater at www.Edgewater-Casino.com.

About Edgewater Casino Resort

Situated on the west bank of the Colorado River, Edgewater Casino Resort features a 40,000-square-foot state-of-the-art casino with a wide array of slot machines and table games, a William Hill Sports Book and a new 11,800-square-foot bingo room. Edgewater Casino Resort offers a variety of restaurants from fine dining to casual options including PT’s Express, Stockman’s Steakhouse, Pinkbox Doughnuts and more. More information is available by calling (866) 352-3553 or (702) 298-2453 and on the website at www.Edgewater-Casino.com.



DEAR PAWS: I’m writing about your recent article on the pack of outdoor cats that had started hunting in the person’s yard. This person was looking for ways to keep birds and other small creatures safe from these cats. You should have added a suggestion that the neighbors bell their cats so that chipmunks, birds and other creatures have a chance to escape. — *Elizabeth L., via email*

DEAR VICKY: That’s a good point, and thanks for suggesting it! One issue that the person had was that only a few of the cats roaming together actually had collars, making them wonder if some were housecats and others were strays or feral cats. They also weren’t sure which neighbors the cats with collars might belong to.

If they knew which neighbors had those cats, they could certainly speak with the neighbors about at least putting a bell on their collars to warn wildlife of their approach. But sometimes, neighbors in rural areas of the U.S. aren’t very approachable. You may know what I mean.

So, an indirect approach is sometimes the best or only way to address the problem in an area with no animal control department. Join the local community’s Facebook page and post about the problem that outdoor cats are causing for wildlife in the area. Find opportunities to speak to others about it at church, school board meetings and public forums.

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

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Clarissa Y. and husband, William L. were both winners at Arizona Charlie’s Thursday session.



Elizabeth and Marsha, two sisters won big! Elizabeth won \$1999 during Plaza Casino’s Tuesday session and the very next day her sister Marsha hit big with \$1999 as well!



Reynaldo C. won \$400 Tuesday afternoon at Rampart Bingo!

BOB ON BINGO

By Bob Whittmore

Checking My Inbox—Again

I love checking my e-mail, at bingo@earthlink.net. Since this column is printed in *Bingo Bugle* publications all over the country, I only really feel in contact when someone writes to me. So, take this copy of the paper home with you and let me hear from you!

First, a short note from “Stewey” in Carrier Mills, Illinois:

“Bob, I hope this note gets through to you at the home office. I have a suggestion. You are always talking about how important good callers are. So, I think you need to have a contest and find everyone’s favorite caller.

“There is a special lady here whom I would vote for. She is funny and always smiles and is organized AND I can understand every word she says. Think about having a contest. —Stewey.”

Well, Stewey, that is a great idea. I’ll talk to the powers that be and find out how we can do that. Maybe more, next month.

Stewey’s remark about the caller whom you can easily understand brings me to this note from AC in Canandaigua, New York:

“Bob, the other night at Bingo I was reminded of a column you wrote a very long time ago about Bingo callers who mumble. Now, I know being a caller is NOT easy. I know it takes concentration and organization. And, I know that good workers are hard to find, particularly at charity halls, but it would seem that no one is in charge sometimes.

“You said something in that column that I still remember. You mentioned that you had done over 50,000 hourly newscasts on radio during your career. You then mentioned that when you were on the air you talked differently than when you were off the air. Then, you wondered why many Bingo callers don’t learn from this. Anyway, stay well and thanks for being here each month. —AC.”

Finally, a really sweet note from Sam B., in Columbia, Maryland:

“Bob, the other night I noticed that an elderly woman who has been at our Thursday Bingo for years was not there. I called her the next day to see if she was OK. She told me that she had reached the age where she had her driver license revoked. She had no way to get to Bingo. ‘I’m going to fix that,’ I told her. I have now made arrangements for some of my fellow Bingo players to give her a ride, to and from the hall, each week. After a lifetime of playing Bingo, there was no way we were going to let her be left out. —Sam B.”

The merriest of holidays to all in your family. And, when you are playing Bingo, give my Christmas greetings to everyone. (Next time: A strange e-mail.)

The Garden Bug
Purple Honey
In North Carolina, there are areas where some local honeybees have been known to produce honey that has a purple or bluish hue. No one is sure what makes this happen exactly or how many conditions affect this process. Some researchers theorize that some hives collecting nectar from sourwood tree blossoms in summer are the reason; others say hydrangea flowers, titi plants, kudzu blossoms or elderberry flowers cause the unusual coloration. Beekeepers who find their hives producing this rare honey say it tastes fruity.
Sources: newsobserver.com, honeybeesuite.com — Brenda Weaver

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Arizona Charlie’s Awards Nearly \$3 Million in Combined Jackpots in October, Including More Than \$400,000 in Bingo Jackpots

LAS VEGAS – Nov. 6, 2023 – Arizona Charlie’s Boulder, located at 4575 Boulder Hwy., and Arizona Charlie’s Decatur, located at 740 S. Decatur Blvd., awarded a total of \$2,977,995 in combined jackpots to lucky guests in October, including \$2,549,446 from slot jackpots and \$428,549 from bingo wins – marking the highest bingo payout month in 2023.

Three local guests saw no tricks, only treats in October after playing video poker, with one earning a total of \$108,133 in combined jackpots throughout the month at Arizona Charlie’s Decatur; one guest who took home \$103,500 at Boulder; and one player who scored \$89,700 in jackpot winnings at Decatur.

Additional highlights from the month include two lucky players at Decatur, who hit a \$73,500 jackpot after playing Pai Gow and one who took home \$69,256 in bingo winnings on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Players are invited to sign up for True Rewards, Golden Entertainment’s rewards program, to receive bonuses including increased point multipliers, prizes such as cash and free slot play, as well as eligibility in select tournaments and special events. More information is available at www.TrueRewards.com.

About Arizona Charlie’s Hotel & Casino

Arizona Charlie’s Hotel & Casino has two locations in the Las Vegas Valley: 740 S. Decatur Blvd. and 4575 Boulder Hwy. Both offer expansive, award-winning bingo halls with daily sessions every odd hour and complimentary self-parking. Arizona Charlie’s Boulder offers 300 rooms and suites, including an RV park, as well as an outdoor pool and hot tub and laundry facilities. Restaurants include PT’s Express, Dunkin’ and Sourdough Café. Arizona Charlie’s Decatur offers 259 rooms and suites that come with an array of amenities. The casino has more than 700 slots, table games and a race and sportsbook. Restaurants include the newly-opened River Rock Pizza & Pasta, PT’s Express, Dunkin’ and Sourdough Café. More information about Arizona Charlie’s can be found on the website at www.ArizonaCharlies.com and on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



by Henry Tamburin

Why Single Deck Games are Better

Why is a single deck game better for the player than a multiple deck game?

One of the major reasons is simply due to the fact that you will be dealt more blackjack hands in a single deck game compared to a multiple deck game. Here’s why this is so.

Suppose you took a single deck of cards, shuffled them, and then randomly picked one card. What is the probability that you’ll pick an ace? Since there are four aces in a single deck of cards, the chance of drawing one of those aces is the ratio of 4 over 52. Once you draw the ace, you are left with 51 cards to draw a ten-value card. There are 16 ten-value cards in a deck of cards (the four tens, jacks, queens and kings) so the chance of drawing one is the ratio of 16 over 51. If you multiply these two ratios, you will compute the probability of getting an ace followed by a ten-value card in a single deck to be 2.41%. (4/52 times 16/51 = 2.41%.)

However, you could have just as easily drawn the ten-value card first then the ace. Therefore, the overall probability of getting a blackjack hand in a single deck game is twice 2.415 or 4.82%. This translates into one blackjack out of every 20.72 hands, an important statistic in blackjack.

For a 6-deck game the chance of drawing the ace as the first card is the ratio 24 over 312. The chance of drawing the ten-value as the second card is the ratio 96 over 311. Multiply the two ratios and you get 2.37%. Double it and you get 4.74%, which is less than the 4.82% probability of getting a blackjack in a single deck game.

In fact, if you do the math for 2, 4 and 8 decks here is what you’ll calculate as the probability of getting a blackjack hand.

Single deck	1 in every 20.72 hands
Double deck	1 in every 20.93 hands
Four decks	1 in every 21.02 hands
Six decks	1 in every 21.07 hands
Eight decks	1 in every 21.07 hands

Essentially the effect of removing a card from a single deck affects the percentages of the remaining cards to a much greater extent than in a multiple deck game. This is another important point to remember when playing blackjack.

Although getting more blackjacks is good for the player, it’s even better when you get a blackjack and the dealer doesn’t. Which brings me to the second reason why the single deck game is better than a multiple deck game, namely the dealer’s chances of duplicating a blackjack is less in a single deck game compared to a multiple deck game.

Blackjack pushes are about 20% more likely in a six or eight deck game, compared to a single deck game, which reduces our earnings potential (remember you get paid 3 to 2 on a blackjack hand when the dealer doesn’t have blackjack, but get nothing when they do have a blackjack). This makes a single deck game a much better game.

Another reason that a player’s expectation is better in a single deck game is that a player is more likely to get a good hit when doubling down on 10 or 11 compared to the same situation in a multiple deck game. When you get a 10 or 11, it’s usually made up of two undesirable small cards. Their removal from the single deck increases our chances of getting a good hit.

Because of the dilution effect of so many more cards in multiple deck games, the probability of drawing a good card is lower compared to the single deck game.



by Annie E. Ennis

Cold-Weather Crockpot Recipes

Dear Ask Annie,

The cold weather is on the way. Can you give me some crock pot recipes? I work part time and I would like to have our dinner prepared when I get home. Thanks a lot.
Louise Ann from Boise, Idaho

Dear Louise Ann,

Here are two recipes that should fit the bill. Enjoy. —Annie

MEXICAN BEEF

1.5 to 2 lbs. boneless round steak, cut into ½-inch strips
1 clove garlic, minced
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon chili pepper
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
1 medium onion, chopped
1 beef bouillon cube, crushed
1 16 oz. can tomatoes, chopped
1 16 oz. can kidney beans, drained
White rice for 6 servings



Combine the beef strips, minced garlic, pepper, salt, chili pepper and mustard in the crock pot. Mix well. Cover with the onion and cut-up tomatoes. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours. Add beans and cook, covered for 30 additional minutes. Serve on a bed of rice. Makes 6 servings.

CHICKEN MARENGO

2.5 - 3 lbs. frying chicken, cut-up
1.5-ounce package spaghetti sauce
seasoning
½ cup dry white wine
2 fresh tomatoes, quartered
½ pound fresh mushrooms

Place the chicken parts in the bottom of the crock pot. Combine the dry spaghetti sauce mix with the wine. Pour it over the chicken. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 7 hours. Add the tomatoes and mushrooms. Cover and cook on high for an additional 30 minutes or until the tomatoes are done. Makes 6 servings.

GETTIN' LUCKY IN THE *Neighborhood*

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\$5,000
BINGO BONUS X



LUCKY LOCAL
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PAID OUT IN BINGO JACKPOTS

*Total from January 1, 2023-October 31, 2023. See the bingo room for details.

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COFFEE BREAK!

BINGO BUGLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Request
4 Blunder
8 Weapon handle
12 Island neckwear
13 Sandwich cookie
14 Exile isle
15 Spelling contest
16 "West Side Story" composer
18 Tiny ear bone
20 Ball prop
21 Office part-timer
24 Stuffs tightly
28 "E = mc²" man
32 Not procrastinating
33 Chowd down
34 Precipitous
36 Historic time
37 Wound cover
39 Piano name
41 Pitched
43 2012 Ben Affleck movie
44 Vast expanse
46 Celery unit
50 "The Grapes of Wrath" author
55 Heavy weight
56 Frogs' hang-out

DOWN

1 Actress Jessica
2 Witnessed
3 Chicken
4 Drinking vessels
5 Tramcar contents
6 "— the fields we go"
7 Typeface
8 Straight, for short
9 Hearty brew
10 G-men's org.
11 Bronze
17 Moment
19 Part of TGIF
22 Citi Field team
23 Michelangelo masterpiece
25 Freshly
26 Actress Sorvino
27 Remain
28 Right on the map?
29 Pruritus
30 In the vicinity
31 — -do-well
35 Football
38 Adjoining
40 "To be or — ..."
42 Cyst
45 Sleeping
47 Small particle
48 Timber wolf
49 Make a sweater
50 Hot tub
51 Upper surface
52 Type measures
53 Greek vowel
54 Mangy mutt

HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!
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SCRAMBLERS

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!

Scene
STAVI

Free
EMBOIL

Forest
RIMBET

Choice
POTION

TODAY'S WORD

"He started at the _____ and discovered that he liked it there!"

JUMBLE

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

SOTHI

YOEMN

LATNEY

DIRSAH

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

20 27

I'm placing you under arrest. Now, I'm going to read you your rights. Pay close attention.

WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED, THE MIME CHOSE TO _____

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

A:

CryptoQuote

AXYOLBAKK 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.

KX FJZ NSM EZCAKAT NSWGKMR
VKLP EJWJMT, FJZ EPJZIO
WSCCF LPTW JM LPT VSF PJWT.
— FAJMMT GCKMQ

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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 L, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Agriculturalist | — A — — — | Previous | — O — — — |
| 2. Bring to a halt | — — A — — | Out of funds | — — O — — |
| 3. Bush | — — — — B | Shoulder movement | — — — — G |
| 4. Purify | R — — — — | Explain the meaning of | D — — — — |
| 5. Tiny measurement | — I — — — | Fruity party beverage | — U — — — |
| 6. More sizeable | — — — — G | Pantry | — — — — D |
| 7. Rome's river | — — — — R | Himalayan country | — — — — T |
| 8. Hostage holder | — — — — P | Twin of Pollux | — — — — S |
| 9. Huck's creator | — W — — — | Railroad machine | — R — — — |
| 10. Go all-out | — — — — V | Bowling score | — — — — K |

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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.

	x		+		17			
-		x		x				
	x		-		19			
x		+		+				
	x		-		19			
20		19		15				
1	2	4	5	5	6	7	8	9

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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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: T equals K

OGYO TZFA ZP PD NFLDHHDFWR
ICFCUDWCFO OGYO CUCJRIDER
ICAYF LYWWZFA GZH

"RDNJ JDRYW TZFEFCPP."

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The Garden Bug

The ghost plant

Monotropa uniflora lacks chlorophyll pigments and appears white. It grows in the decaying debris of dark, dense-growth forests across the Northern hemisphere. Each stem bears a single delicate flower that hangs downward, which protects its pollen from the rain and lets insect pollinators access it. The clear fluid from its stems has been used to treat eye problems, skin problems, seizures and pain by Native Americans and traditional medicine practitioners. — Brenda Weaver

Sources: medium.com, wildadironacks.org

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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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FEAR & KNOT answer

ALBINO
A O N C E
R U B
T A N L O
B F E S C U E
A O T
C I N E M A
I T L

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 BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Boggle Point Scale

3 letters = 1 point
4 letters = 2 points
5 letters = 3 points
6 letters = 4 points
7 letters = 6 points
8 letters = 10 points
9+ letters = 15 points

Your Boggle Rating

151+ = Champ
101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31-60 = Gamer
21-30 = Rookie
11-20 = Amateur
0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST SEVEN FIVE-LETTER COLORS in the grid of letters. Write your answers below.

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By Guy Williams Just Another Day in Bingoland

Hi Guy,

We had one of those rare and awkward moments at Bingo that I am so happy I was there to see, although, while it was happening, I think most everyone there, including me, may have been wishing they were anywhere else but there.

Our Bingo is usually pretty serene, with lots of folks who know each other and come in pairs and groups to play together and have fun. We also get our share of occasional players and visitors who are more than welcome to join our happy group (but hopefully not walk away with "our" pots!).

Bingo this night seemed to be the same as usual—the numbers were being called at a good pace, the calls were easy to hear, and people here and there were chatting quietly with their fellow players. Then, about 12 numbers into the first game, someone yelled at the top of their lungs: "Will you people please SHUT UP!" The whole hall went dead silent. It took the caller, who also is the hall director, a few seconds to shake off his shock before asking: "Is there a problem?"

A tiny little woman sitting off to the side shouted back in a surprisingly loud voice: "There's too much jibber-jabber in here. I can't concentrate!"

The caller looked amused and told the woman that perhaps she would like to move closer to the caller station.

"I'm fine where I am," she said back. "If these jerks would just shut their fat mouths!" "I only see one jerk with one fat mouth," a player called out. The whole room laughed and applauded.

The little woman jumped up and sent her chair clanging into the person behind her. "Who said that? Who said that!?" she shrieked like a total lunatic.

The amused look on the hall director's face disappeared. "OK, that's enough," he said, and he stepped down from the caller station. He and a security guard went over to where the woman was standing and told her she had to calm down or leave. She started cursing up a storm (which they did a really good job of ignoring) as they collected all of her belongings—and her—and escorted her to the door. At one point the crazy lady tried to kick the guard, which was enough for him to pull out his radio and call the police. The entire hall was stunned.

After a few minutes we saw the flashing lights of a police cruiser through the glass doors of the hall. Ten minutes later the guard and the director came back in. They received an appreciative round of applause and the director hopped back up on the stage.

"Just another average day in Bingoland," he said into the microphone as he fired up the console before calling the next number. —HH, Indiana, via email



All Things Duct Cleaning

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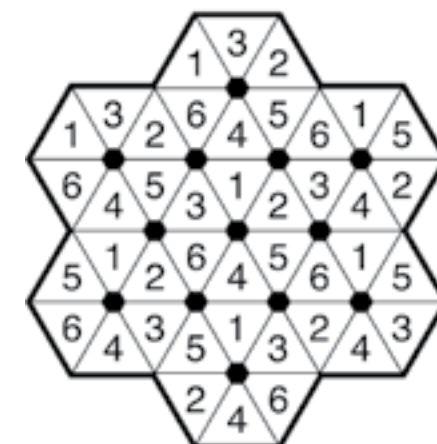
That's a heck of a story—that's why I'm running it again. And as I said before, it got me wondering what could have happened had the loudmouth been a guy built like a linebacker instead of this small woman.

These kinds of tales get me a little anxious as I read them (although the humorous tone with which you presented yours made it apparent that there would be a good ending), in part because it is often clear that the person creating the ruckus has mental problems, but also because, in this day and age, such seemingly minor incidents too often escalate into serious situations.

Kudos to the man in charge who recognized that he had a situation in need of swift resolution, and that there was a security guard on hand to help make that happen. I also hope that something will be done to help that woman curb her anger. —Guy

SNOWFLAKES

solution



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answer
That king is so uncommonly benevolent that everybody began calling him "Your Royal Kindness."

Amber Waves



Casino Q&A

Test Your Slot IQ

- Winning at slots is just a matter of luck. (T or F)
- A slot advertising a 98% payback will return 98% of the money you put into it. (T or F)
- When tipping a slot attendant during a hand-pay, the more you win, the more you should tip. (T or F)
- Should you hit big on Megabucks, it's better to take a discounted lump-sum payment rather than receive yearly installments. (T or F)
- A slot that hasn't paid out a jackpot in a long time is overdue and is bound to hit. (T or F)
- Pulling the handle gave you better control than pressing the spin button. (T or F)
- Asking a slot floor attendant which slots are "hot" and ready to pay off is a waste of time. (T or F)

ANSWERS:

- True. Like keno, bingo, and your state lottery, winning at slots is just a matter of luck. If luck isn't with you, it doesn't matter what strategy you use or what you do.
- False. A slot with an advertised payback of 98% will pay back 98% of all the money put into it, but over millions of spins! In the short time you're at a slot with a 98% payback, you won't get back exactly 98% of your money. You might, for example, get back 30%, 90%, or 0%. It all depends on computer timing and luck.
- False. How much more effort is there in handing you twenty \$100 bills (\$2,000) as there is in handing you forty \$100 bills (\$4,000)? Many players tip 1% or 2% of a hand-pay win. The max suggested tip regardless of win size is \$50.
- True. By taking a lump-sum payment and investing it with the help of an investment counselor, you will earn more on the interest than if you took yearly installments.
- False. A slot is never due or bound to hit no matter how much time or money you or another player may have put into it. All payouts are spread out over time and completely at random.
- False. It makes no difference how you start the reels spinning. But by pulling the handle, you did slow down your game play and burnt calories too!
- True. Slot floor personnel may know what slots have been paying off in their area, but it doesn't mean they will pay off for you.



Go Figure!

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4	×	7	-	9	19
×		+		+	
5	×	5	-	6	19
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Boggle BrainBusters Answers:

GREEN BEIGE BROWN WHITE
BLACK KHAKI CREAM

Even Exchange answers

- Farmer, Former
- Brake, Broke
- Shrub, Shrug
- Refine, Define
- Pinch, Punch
- Larger, Larder
- Tiber, Tibet
- Captor, Castor
- Twain, Train
- Strive, Strike

top ten

STARS CLOSEST TO EARTH

- Alpha Centauri
- Barnard's Star
- Wolf 359
- Lalande 21185
- Sirius
- Luyten 726-8
- Ross 154
- Ross 248
- Epsilon Eridani
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3PM SESSION
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CHAMPAGNE TOAST
BUY-IN \$45



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UGLY SWEATER EDITION
DECEMBER 9
9PM SESSION
STARTING AT \$25 BUY-IN

11 AT 11
DAILY
11PM SESSION
SPEND \$40 OR MORE
AND RECEIVE UP TO 11
FREE SMALL RAINBOWS
VALIDATION REQUIRED

\$15,000
NYE PARTY
DECEMBER 31
7PM SESSION
\$45 BUY-IN · \$10 PACKS



ROCK SHOT BINGO
UGLY SWEATER EDITION
DECEMBER 9
11PM SESSION
STARTING AT \$25 BUY-IN

\$10,000
NYE PARTY
DECEMBER 31
10PM SESSION
\$40 BUY-IN · \$20 PACKS

ALL PAPER



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UGLY SWEATER EDITION
DECEMBER 16
9PM SESSION
STARTING AT \$25 BUY-IN

\$24,000
NYE PARTY
DECEMBER 31
10PM SESSION
\$50 BUY-IN



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DECEMBER 21
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DECEMBER 31
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It's All in the Fine Print

A famous university and a professor were caught not paying the Department of Veterans Affairs what was owed for patents, to the tune of \$1.5 million.

The professor worked at the university in various research positions, including as the Chair of one department. His list of titles and positions is quite impressive, not to mention his long list of honors and awards. In other words, the guy is no slouch. He's clearly bright and is working in an important medical field. At the same time he held a part-time position at the VA.

Both the professor and the university were under disclosure agreements, which meant that any discoveries or inventions the professor made at the university would be reported to the VA. While at the university, having created three inventions, the professor applied for three patents with the VA's part clearly noted.

What's key here is that part of the funding for the research came from VA grants.

Years later, the royalty payments started rolling in from those three patents. During one round of submitting paperwork for the patents, the detail about the VA having supported the research was omitted.

The professor refiled and the VA pounced, wanting to claim an ownership interest in the inventions ... and the royalties.

The Department of Justice got involved with the end result that the university and the professor have to pay \$1.5 million under the False Claims Act for failure to share the patent royalties.

I was prepared to hate the guy, truly. I found dozens of professional videos online wherein he talked about the research, and I was prepared to label him a swindler, a low-life, a thief. Instead, I'm left pointing the finger of blame at the university itself. They should have had someone to watch over the details and to handle paperwork matters such as correctly filing patents so the professor could keep doing his work.

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Test Your Knowledge

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male duck called?
2. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel *Pride and Prejudice*?
3. ASTRONOMY: In which constellation are the gas and dust clouds called the Pillars of Creation located?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president died at his retreat in Warm Springs, Georgia?
5. MOVIES: Which 1999 movie features a character named Neo?
6. MEDICAL: Which part of the human body is affected by Bright's Disease?
7. TELEVISION: In which state is the sitcom *Newhart* set?
8. GEOGRAPHY: What is the tallest mountain in Africa?
9. HISTORY: Which politician made the phrase "Iron Curtain" famous in a speech about eastern Europe?
10. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of South Dakota?

ANSWERS

1. A drake.
2. Jane Austen.
3. Serpens.
4. Franklin Roosevelt.
5. *The Matrix*.
6. The kidneys.
7. Vermont.
8. Mount Kilimanjaro.
9. Winston Churchill.
10. Pierre.

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STICKELERS [sic] by Terry Stickels

Five out of the six words below are misspelled. Can you find the one word that is spelled correctly?

- SOVREIGN
- ABCESS
- INNOCUOUS
- INNOCULATE
- COMMITMENT
- EMBARASS

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Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Protecting Pets

What is the best way to ensure my pets are taken care of after I'm gone? I have two dogs and a cat that are my four-legged family, and I want to make sure they'll be well taken care of after I die.

—Solo Senior

Dear Solo,

It's a great question. Approximately half a million cats and dogs enter shelters each year when their pet parents experience an emergency or pass away. Without a proper plan in place for the future care of your pets, they are at risk of ending up in a shelter where they could be euthanized.

To avoid this terrifying scenario and ensure your furry family is cared for both physically and financially after you're gone, you should consider including them in your estate plan. Talk to your attorney about how to insert them in your will or trust in accordance with your state's laws. Here's what you'll need to do.

Wills

If you already have a will or are planning to make one, you could simply add in a trusted caretaker clause for your pets, along with an alternative if your first choice falls through. You should also set aside money in your will for your pet's care with an explanation of how the funds should be spent.

To determine how much to leave, multiply your pet's annual food, care and medical costs by their life expectancies. You may want to add a separate document, called a letter of instruction, describing your pet's routine, food and medication.

But be aware that even with this provision in your will the caretaker is not legally obligated to follow your instructions, spend

the money as you intended or send the pet to another caretaker that you've named. Once the money is distributed to the caretaker, it's an honor system.

Trusts

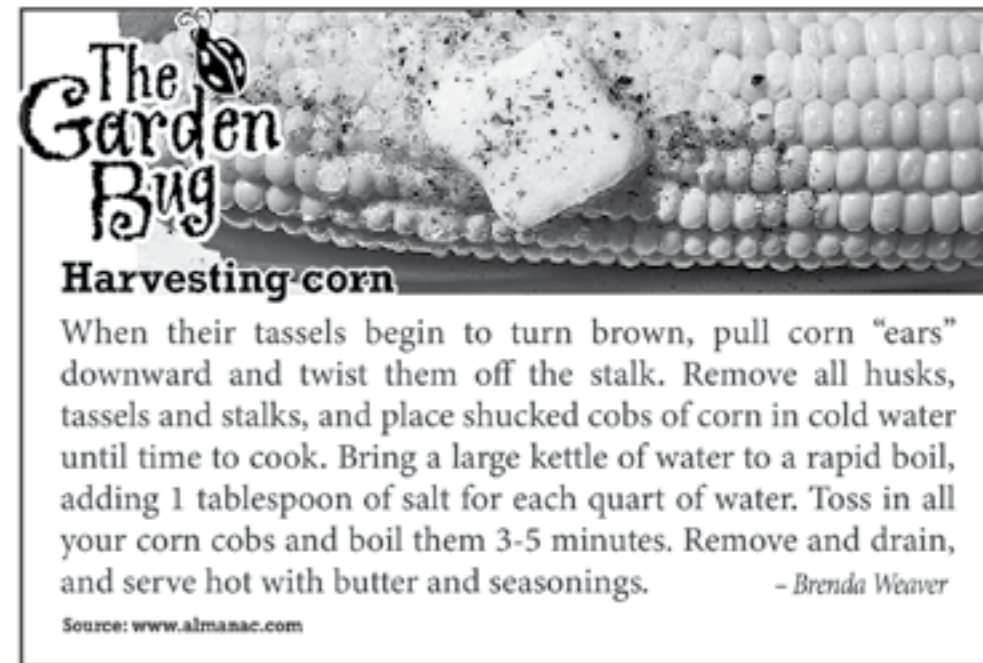
Another option is to create a pet trust, which provides more legal protections. Depending on your state's laws (see aspc.org/pet-care/pet-planning/pet-trust-laws), you could set up either a revocable pet trust, which can be changed or canceled during your lifetime, or an irrevocable pet trust that can't be reversed. A pet trust can be completely separate or part of an existing trust that encompasses your other assets.

Along with appointing a trustee to manage your trust's finances, you name your pet's caretaker (who could also serve as the trustee), and any alternative caretakers, as well as an optional trust protector for added oversight of the trustee given that the beneficiary (your pets) can't defend their own rights. Unlike a will, the caretaker has a fiduciary duty to follow your letter of instruction if you include one.

The cost for a living trust ranges anywhere between \$1,000 to \$3,000, while a will typically costs between \$200 and \$1,000. There are also cheaper do-it-yourself resources for making a simple will or trust, like Nolo's Quicken WillMaker & Trust (Nolo.com, \$99) and Trust & Will (TrustandWill.com, \$159). Or, if that's more than you're willing to pay, you can make your will for free at FreeWill.com or DoYourOwnWill.com.

Other Arrangements

If you don't have anyone who would be willing to take care of your pets after you're gone, you should make arrangements to leave them to an animal retirement home, a rescue, humane society, pet care program or other animal welfare group. Many of these organizations find new homes for pets or offer lifetime care but may require a fee or donation. Talk to your veterinarian about the options available in your area.



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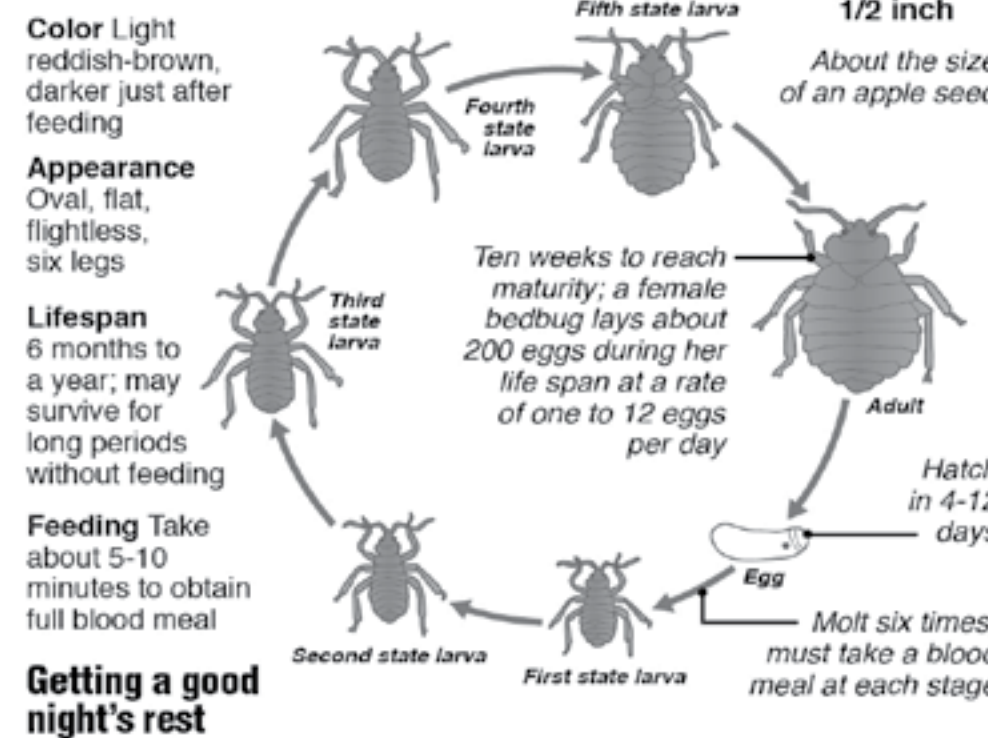
Gasoline Alley

By Jim Scancarelli



Paris battles bedbugs

Bedbugs have become a nightmare haunting France as they were spotted at homes and in public transport.



top 10 movies

1. Taylor Swift: *The Eras Tour* (PG-13) Taylor Swift, Amanda Balen
 2. *The Exorcist: Believer* (R) Linda Blair, Ellen Burstyn
 3. *PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie* (PG) McKenna Grace, Taraji P. Henson
 4. *Saw X* (R) Tobin Bell, Shawnee Smith
 5. *The Creator* (PG-13) John David Washington, Madeleine Yuna Voyles
 6. *The Blind* (PG-13) Aron von Andrian, Amelia Eve
 7. *A Haunting in Venice* (PG-13) Kenneth Branagh, Michelle Yeoh
 8. *The Nun II* (R) Taissa Farmiga, Jonas Bloquet
 9. *The Equalizer 3* (R) Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning
 10. *Dumb Money* (R) Paul Dano, Pete Davidson
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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Social Security Increase for 2024

The 3.2% Social Security increase for 2024 is higher than it has averaged over the past two decades, but it certainly is nowhere near the 8.7% increase we received for 2023.

This 2024 increase will mean \$58 more per month for those receiving the average benefit in 2023. Out of that \$58, we'll pay an additional \$10 for Medicare Part B.

How do they get these increase numbers every year? They get these numbers by comparing this year's third quarter to that of the previous year and do a cost of living adjustment (COLA) based on that. They also use the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) to calculate what they call a "basket of goods and services."

Therein lies our problem. While that index is no doubt useful for those who have to set financial policy for the country, the CPI-W index they use to calculate our Social Security benefit isn't geared to seniors. Instead, that index is geared toward blue collar (hourly) wage earners for 200 items and is broken down into eight groups: medical care, housing, food and beverage, transportation, housing, apparel, education and communication, and other goods and services.

You can see immediately why that doesn't work for seniors. We have vastly different medical costs, approximately double. Our housing costs are not the same. Transportation isn't the same, and neither are apparel, education or any of the others.

Another price index, however, the Consumer Price Index for Americans 62 years of age and older (R-CPI-E), considers the differences between the two groups ... but they still don't use the "E" index to calculate our Social Security.

Why is that, we wonder? I bet our representatives and senators in Congress would know the answer if we call them.

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An Ethical Dilemma

Dear Aunt Bingo,
 I've landed in a bit of an awkward situation and am not sure what is the best thing to do to make things right.
 When I last went to Bingo it was to one of three places I like to go to—a middle school not too far away from my apartment building. They run a nice Bingo in a clean, activity center (lighting is important for me because my eyesight is not the best) with Bingo that goes at a good pace and brings in a fairly good crowd but not so many people that you feel you will never win because there are too many people playing against you.
 When I play Bingo, I like to play two 9-on packs which give me enough cards so that I can keep up with the caller and not feel rushed or get bored because there is too much lag time between calls.
 I bought two packs the night I went to the school Bingo. But when I got to my seat and laid out my paper, I discovered that the packs, which had felt a little thicker/heavier than normal when the cashier gave them to me, were actually four packs that had stuck together and made two double packs.

I sat there with the four packs undecided about what to do. I was late getting to Bingo and the caller was about to start so I didn't want to start some big discussion with a Bingo worker and mess up my Bingo.
 When the first game started, I pushed the two extra packs to the side to return to the cashier later and began to play the two I paid for. But I couldn't help glancing over at the other two packs and immediately noticing when the numbers that were called were on those cards. It didn't take long for me to feel that a LOT more called numbers were on the sheets I wasn't playing.
 I finally couldn't stand it anymore and pulled the other two packs over and started daubing all the numbers that had been called. My stress turned into total relief when I finally marked all the back numbers and all four packs were caught up! I then continued to play the four packs and was surprised that I easily kept up with the caller although I had never played this many packs before.
 The evening got even better when I Bingoed in the middle of the second session and won \$75 from a split pot. My luck was going so well that I half expected the next thing to happen was a rich old boyfriend showing up with a bouquet of roses and asking me to marry him!
 When Bingo ended and I was heading home, I started feeling guilty about the extra packs. Did I steal them? And if I did, does that mean I also stole the \$75 prize? Or was it the cashier's mistake and once I paid her and walked away, all four packs were mine. I would really appreciate your opinion on this and what you think I should do about it.
 —*Lucky Lady, California, via email*

Dear Lucky Lady,
 You have presented a very interesting dilemma (so interesting in fact, I'm repeating this letter again).
 1. Was the extra Bingo paper yours to keep and play because you paid the buy-in and it was then given to you through no deception on your part? Or...

2. Did a "theft" occur after you realized you had been given extra paper and recognized it as an error before the games began, intended to return it, then chose instead to play it once the games started? Or...
 3. Was that theoretical "theft" cancelled out because the only reason you played the paper was because it was there on the table next to you, you couldn't help noticing all the called numbers that were on the sheets, and you were eventually tempted beyond resistance to play the extra sheets that you wouldn't have played had they not been given to you in the first place.
 I suspect that, had you not won any money, you wouldn't have given playing the four packs a second thought. But because you did win—at a charity Bingo held to help support activities at a school—you're feeling a bit guilty.
 It seems to me your options are these:
 Keep the cash and forget about how you got it;
 Donate all the cash back to the school;
 Return the cost of those two extra packs;
 Designate that the \$75 plus the cost of two Bingo packs be used only for future Bingo at the middle school and make sure it all gets spent there until your losses equal that amount.
 I lean toward explaining to management what happened and offer to pay for the two packs, but it's up to you!
 Good luck! —*Aunt Bingo*

WORD LADDER
Answer
WARTS, WARMS, WORMS,
WORDS, LORDS, LOADS



- QUESTIONS**
1. Name the first rock group to record and release "Turn! Turn! Turn!"
 2. Which group released "New York Mining Disaster 1941" as their debut single?
 3. Who was Walden Robert Cassotto?
 4. Who wrote "The Beat Goes On"?
 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I would have waited forever if I'd known that you'd be here."

- ANSWERS**
1. The Byrds, in 1965. The lyrics (written by Pete Seeger) came from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. The song is also subtitled "To Everything There Is a Season."
 2. The Bee Gees, in 1967. Two of the Gibb brothers wrote the song during a power outage at the record company. Their inspiration was the Aberfan disaster in Wales that saw the top of a mountain slide down and kill hundreds when it hit the town.
 3. Bobby Darin. His "Dream Lover" was covered by numerous others, including Dion, and Ricky Nelson.
 4. Sonny Bono, of Sonny & Cher, in 1967.
 5. "One Promise Too Late," by Reba McEntire, in 1987. The song tells of the regret of finally meeting the one she's dreamed of... after making a promise to someone else. The song topped country charts in both the U.S. and Canada.

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* "I like to keep a few needles threaded with black, white and neutral thread for quick repairs. I keep them on a ribbon in my kitchen. I stuck the needles into the ribbon, then taped the ribbon at the top and bottom to the inside of the kitchen cabinet. It's handy and safe." —*A.A. in Florida*
 * Save your old tissue boxes. They can be used to store plastic grocery store bags for easy use. They can then be stacked up and stored orderly. I use mine for garbage bags.
 * "I love to can and pickle my garden bounty, but since I give most of them as gifts, supplies can get costly. I have found many jars at thrift stores. And I have seen seals and lids as well, on occasion. Don't forget to check them out from time to time. The jars are going to get sterilized anyway!" —*E.D. in Georgia*
 * Looking for a way to replace eggs in a recipe? Here are some substitutes: powdered egg substitute (Ener-G brand, for example), 2 tablespoons of arrowroot powder or cornstarch; 1 banana, mashed; a tablespoon of milled flaxseed with 3 tablespoons of water.
 * "To keep calendar entries straight, you can use a different color highlighter for types of events or for each family member — blue for appointments, or green for kids' activities. A family calendar will help keep everyone in the loop." —*A reader*



Colds and flus seem to linger in my lungs and nose for a week or more after all other symptoms have passed. If my phlegm and mucus are clear or white, and I feel healthy otherwise, am I still considered infectious? —*S.C.*
ANSWER: The color of sputum and mucus is not a reliable indicator of whether an infection is caused by bacteria or viruses, nor of whether you are still infectious. Colds and flus like COVID are caused by viruses. A person is most infectious starting from a day or two before they get symptoms up until a day or two after symptoms start. Most people are no longer infectious after five to seven days of having symptoms, but unfortunately, that's not always 100% certain.
 Part of the body's response to infection is to make a great deal of mucus to wash the infection away. This can lead to us feeling very uncomfortable with copious sneezing, runny noses and productive cough. In some people, this tendency is more prolonged. It sounds like you might be one of those people in whom the body's response to infection causes more symptoms than the infection itself.
 We can test pretty well for COVID infectiousness with at-home testing, but those home tests don't exist for the flu or other viruses. Following the same advice for COVID — staying home for at least 24 hours after a fever has gone, or remaining in isolation for at least five days without a fever — will minimize your infectiousness to others.



PICKS OF THE MONTH

Reptile (R) — In this crime thriller starring Benicio del Toro and Justin Timberlake, a detective (del Toro) with a past of uncovering crooked cops is put on the murder case of a young real estate agent. Her body was found by her boyfriend (Timberlake) in their home, painting him as a prime suspect. But with one trail leading back to her ex-husband (Karl Glusman), and another leading to a mentally unstable man seeking revenge for a corrupt real estate deal, solving the case won't be an easy feat. Del Toro's acting prowess is what easily carries the film, along with a refreshing performance from *Cleopatra* star Alicia Silverstone. Out now. (Netflix)

Five Nights at Freddy's (PG-13) — Based on the video game franchise of the same name, this horror film follows security guard Mike Schmidt (Josh Hutcherson) as he starts working the night shift at Freddy Fazbear's Pizza. Abby, Mike's little sister, is in his care and accompanies him to the abandoned family fun center, where she soon discovers a few animatronics that all seem to have a mind of their own. Although a local police officer (Elizabeth Lail) comes around to warn him of Freddy's sinister past, it's only a matter of time before Mike and Abby find out for themselves. You won't look at a Chuck E. Cheese the same after this. (Peacock)

Susie Searches (NR) — College-aged student Susie is the host of a true crime podcast that doesn't really get much traction. Determined to make her podcast succeed, she covertly takes advantage of an opportunity to get herself more clout when a student at her college, Jesse, suddenly disappears. After Jesse does eventually get found by Susie, she gets praised as a hero, and her social status instantly begins to climb. But when another student finds incriminating evidence of Jesse's kidnapper, Susie realizes that she might be way in over her head. Kiersey Clemons (*The Flash*) plays the titular character in the film, with appearances by Alex Wolff, Jim Gaffigan and Alex Moffat. Premieres Oct. 27. (Hulu)

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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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