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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

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

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.

initiative is a way that we can give something back that directly impacts local families," said Jeremy Jenson, 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

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

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,

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

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Rain Dodging by Susan Godwin

Scholar Susan Godwin is hooked when she comes across the captivating story of Mary of Modena—a seventeenth-century Italian princess who was only fourteen when coerced into marriage with the future king of England, James II, yet went on to cultivate a court full of women writers in an age when female authorship was rare. How did Mary achieve such a feat?

Rain Dodging is Susan's creative nonfiction account of the years-long search upon which this question—and her own unquenchable curiosity—launched her. Godwin travels through both space and time, solo adventuring through Britain in pursuit of truth and, in a spicy parallel arc, chronicling her own cluttered but resilient feminist path. Join Susan in this irreverent and illuminating journey—a fascinating account of the late Stuart monarchy, the progression of feminist history, and the unexpected connection between the two.

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Laughlin, Nevada - Nov. 1, 2023 - Aquarius Casino Resort, located at 1900 S. families, beginning Wednesday, Nov 1. through Saturday, Dec. 25.

"We are honored to be a part of the Laughlin community and our 'Feed-A-Family' most is heartwarming and what the holidays are all about."

Needles Community Partners, Set Free Church and St. Vincent de Paul.

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



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

Send your questions, tips or comments to ask@

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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!**

By 8ob 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

"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.

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.

The Sarden

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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

"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.

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.

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.)

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



Why Single Deck

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

Games are Better

One of the major reasons is simply due to 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 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 a single deck game a much better game. cards in a deck of cards (the four tens, jacks, 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 one blackjack out of every 20.72 hands, an pared to the single deck game. 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 1 in every 20.93 hands Double deck 1 in every 21.02 hands

Six decks

1 in every 21.07 hands Eight decks 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

1 in every 21.07 hands

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 the fact that you will be dealt more blackjack 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 deck of cards, the chance of drawing one of 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

Another reason that a player's expectation queens and kings) so the chance of drawing 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 get-

Because of the dilution effect of so many more cards in multiple deck games, the probtwice 2.415 or 4.82%. This translates into ability of drawing a good card is lower com-



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

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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 yideo 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 Hwv. 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.



Cold-Weather Crockpot Recipes

Dear Ask Annie,

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 CHICKEN MARENGO bill. Enjoy. —Annie

MEXICAN BEEF

1.5 to 2 lbs. boneless round steak, cut into ½-inch strips

1 clove garlic, minced

1/4 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, The cold weather is on the way. Can you pepper, salt, chili pepper and mustard in the give me some crock pot recipes? I work part 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.

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

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2. Steak Dinner • Ellis Island Casino • 24 Hours • \$9.99

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9. Prime Rib • Ellis Island Casino • Daily • \$24.99

10. Shrimp Cocktail • Freemont • Daily • \$1.99

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By Samantha Weaver

- ★ In a survey of hundreds of Oreo cookie eaters, Kraft Foods came to the conclusion that biters were easygoing and self-confident; dunkers displayed a more energetic and adventurous side; and twisters leaned toward the sensitive and trendy.
- ★ Not only does the moon have its own time zones, but an astronomer designed a watch relying on "lunations," the amount of time it takes for the moon to revolve and rotate around the earth.
- ★ An hour of drumming will burn between 400-600 calories. That's more than hiking or weightlifting.
- ★ The oldest known prosthetic wear, a toe made primarily of wood and bound with leather thread, possibly dating to 950 B.C., was discovered on the mummified body of an Egyptian noblewoman in Cairo in 2000.
- ★ Stanford University's English department offers a course titled "The Last Great American Songwriter: Storytelling with Taylor Swift Through the Eras," in which students analyze Swift's albums and draw connections between her lyrics and classic
- ★ Only four words in the English language
- ★ Cambodian bamboo trains are made of an electric generator and a makeshift bamboo platform for seating and run at speeds of up to 40 km per hour. While unmaintained tracks do indeed make for some bumpy rides, at least the fares are low.

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Top Pair in a Multi-Way Poker Pot – Should You Extract Value?

By Jonathan Little

I was recently told about a hand that illustrates an important concept that you must master if you want to succeed at poker. With blinds at 200/400 with a 400 big blind ante, a tight player limped from second position with an effective 60,000 stack, a straightforward player limped from third position, our Hero limped with As9s in the cutoff, an overly aggressive player limped on the button, and both blinds came along.

I think Hero's limp is fine. Raising to about 2.200 may be the best play if he expects the initial limpers to fold a decent amount of the time, or if he expects them to call and then play straightforwardly after the flop.

The flop came Ah8c2d, giving Hero top pair. Everyone checked to our Hero, who

I like Hero's check if he got the vibe that the overly-aggressive player behind planned

Notice that even if the flop checks through, Hero's hand is not susceptible to being outdrawn, meaning if he is ahead on the flop, he will probably be ahead on the turn. The same applies to if he happens to be beat. When you are either way ahead or way behind, checking is a fine play when there are not many inferior hands that you can extract value from, which is often the case on uncoordinated flops.

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word

(ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from

any marked (*) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one

word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each

string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

♥ RBNA

♥NTA

♥ MAINCE

The overly aggressive player on the button bet 1,400 into the 2,800 pot. Only the initial limper and our Hero called. When facing a bet and a call, Hero is in a tough spot because while the overly aggressive bettor can have anything, the caller must have something decent. While it is a close spot, top pair is too good to fold, especially if the initial caller knows the bettor is overly aggressive. If Hero's kicker was weaker, folding would become an option.

The turn was the Ks. Everyone checked to the overly aggressive player who bet 3,000 into the 7,000 pot. The first caller folded and my student, the Hero, called.

At this point, calling is the only play that has any merit. While Hero loses to essentially all value hands, many overly aggressive players will feel inclined to bluff whenever they sense weakness. If the overly aggressive player is betting every hand in his turn range, Hero's top pair with a marginal kicker is in fine shape.

The river was the 9d. Both players checked and Hero won the pot with two pair.

While many players would opt to lead on the river, checking is the only play that makes sense. If Hero bets, his opponent will only call with top pair and better made

Notice that the overly aggressive player will certainly bet with top pair and better made hands, meaning that by betting, Hero gets the same amount of action from his opponent's strong made hands while taking away the overly aggressive player's opportunity to bluff.

If your opponent has a wide range and is capable of bluffing, do everything in your power to give him a chance to bluff. Leading into him on the river takes away his opportunity to bluff, unless he is absolutely crazy and will make a large river raise with all sorts of junk.

Jonathan Little is a professional poker player and author with over \$7,000,000 in live tournament earnings. He writes a weekly educational blog and hosts a podcast at JonathanLittlePoker. com. Sign up to learn poker from Jonathan for free at PokerCoaching.com. You can follow him on Twitter @JonathanLittle.

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Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Q: I have an unusual cylindrical lamp that has a cast-iron base and vented cast-iron top. The sides of the cylinder are covered by a picture of a cabin in the woods. When the lightbulb inside is lit, the inside of the lamp rotates and orange and yellow "flames" appear. It still works but the cord is old, so I don't use it. What can you tell me about it?

A: This is called a "motion lamp." When the lamp is lit, rising hot air causes an interior cylinder to turn, making it look like parts of the picture are moving. Several companies made motion lamps from the 1920s to the early 1960s. The scene on your lamp is known as "Forest Fire." It was one of 11 motion lamps made by Scene-In-Action Corp. of Chicago, Illinois, from 1927 until about 1936. Econolite Corp. made a similar Forest Fire motion lamp after 1946. It's best to use a low wattage bulb in a motion lamp to avoid damage. The lamp should be rewired if you want to use it.

TIP: Clean the inside of a bottle with detergent powder and a Water Pik.

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Birthdays, Bad Luck,

I got in touch with my inner self today. That's the

last time I'll buy one-ply toilet paper at the dollar

appreciated by bingo lovers everywhere.

and TP

store. —Ms. Know It All

access to catalogs and use cell phones for shopping—I don't think the two items are comparable and our butts are surely a lot happier with Mr. Gayetty's product.

December 28 is not amazing, but a day to be aware of bad luck heading your way. It is said by some to be the unluckiest day of the year. Its origin lies in the story of Christ, as it was reportedly on this day that King Herod ordered baby boys be put to death, attempting to kill the infant Jesus. It is considered unlucky to start work, begin new ventures, or generally do anything on this day. In the 1600s some beat children with sticks to repel approaching bad luck. Yikes! Happy December birthday to me and also If I had to do that to change my luck, I would happy December birthday to the game of be in deep doo-doo as beating a child is not Bingo which is celebrated nationally this an option for me under any circumstances. month. Bingo Bugle magazine, our source On the other hand, some researchers declare for all things bingo, was first published October 13th to be the unluckiest day, based in Tacoma, Washington by the current on number of accidents, natural disasters, publisher's father, Roger Snowden. It grew to and financial losses occurring on this day. I become the largest network of entertainment may stay in bed on the 28th and pray my bed newspapers in North America with 100% doesn't catch on fire.

My husband and I will celebrate my of each paper's circulation free of charge in bingo halls. This is amazing and much birthday in Biloxi, MS, where it is warm and beautiful. Years ago, we would December is the biggest money-making drive to Laughlin, Nevada, and Vegas month of the year for movie box offices. after Christmas. Now it's easier to take a Three of the largest December releases of all junket, an inexpensive trip to a gambling time include Titanic (1997), Avatar (2009) destination, airfare and hotel included. Our and all three Lord of the Rings (2001, 2002, last one was a bummer though. Arriving at our home airport, more than thirty of us had Toilet paper was first marketed this no luggage. We were stuck there for hours month, December 8, 1857. The original before filling out a missing luggage slip and contained aloe as a lubricant for our tushies going home. It arrived five days later after and was marketed as a medical product for being tracked down in Minneapolis. We were hemorrhoids. I grew up using an outhouse not happy campers. Until next month, may and a ragged catalog for paper so when dad Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out added a bathroom with actual toilet paper, I the door with dollars. Win big. Don't forget was overjoyed. Joseph Gayetty is credited the reason for this season and on that note, with the first sales of this commodity, 1,000 I write Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah,

sheets for one dollar; a bargain compared Joyful Kwanza, and happy holidays to all. to current prices. A lot of us no longer have Contact: nlpvzw6172@gmail.com.

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recent film for the streaming service was Heart of Stone, co-starring Gal Gadot and Jamie Dornan, which dropped Aug. 11. Then comes the horror thriller The Deliverance, with Mo'Nique and Omar Epps, followed by the comedy Back in Action, with Jamie

Foxx, Cameron Diaz and Kyle Chandler. In addition, she also co-stars in *Brothers*, a comedy with Josh Brolin, Peter Dinklage and Oscar winner Brendan Fraser, which will be released in theaters.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Glenn Close has

become a Netflix darling. Her first and most

Richard Gere is back at work with the comedy Longing, co-starring Diane Kruger. He's then set to star in Paul Schrader's drama Oh, Canada with Uma Thurman and up-andcoming superstar Jacob Elordi. In addition to playing Elvis Presley in

Priscilla, Elordi will star in the drama On Swift Horses, with Daisy Edgar-Jones and Will Poulter. He has completed two steamy seasons of Euphoria and is prepping for season three, which won't be released until

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 $\textit{MAGIC MAZE} \, \bullet^{\, \text{DOUBLE LETTER}}$

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directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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Kitty

Mutt

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Tyrannosaurus

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all

Unlisted clue hint: INSECT THAT FLUTTERS BY

Bollworm

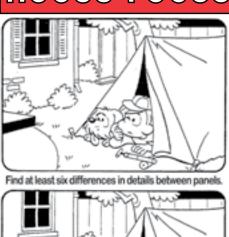
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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BE-TWEEN PANELS

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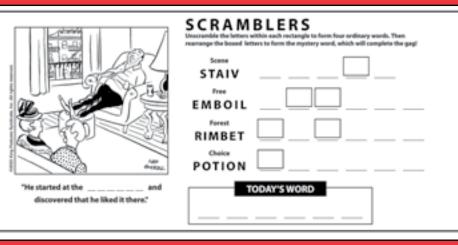
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way								

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



JUMBLE

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

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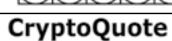
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



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, strophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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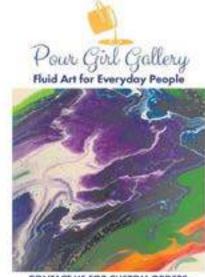
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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

__ _ _ V __ Bowling score

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

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ICAYF LYWWZFA GZH

"RDNJ JDRYW TZFEFCPP."

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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

Out of funds

Twin of Pollux

Railroad machine

Shoulder movement

Explain the meaning of D __ _ _ _ _

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

OPEN EVERY

FRIDAY

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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.

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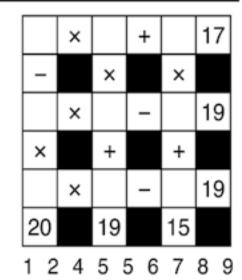
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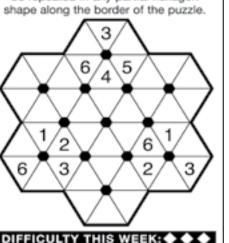
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by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆ ◆ ◆

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ALBINO ONCE ESCUE CIINEMA

answer

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Ε B

NSTRUCTIONS: 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.

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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 uzzle 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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Adder

Bees

Baboon

Blue gill





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?"

GOOD

All Things Duct Cleaning

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KNOW

By Guy Williams

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 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.

to kick the guard, which was enough for him

"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

A tiny little woman sitting off to the side **Hi HH.**

shouted back in a surprisingly loud voice:

"There's too much jibber-jabber in here. I

woman that perhaps she would like to move

"I'm fine where I am." she said back. "If

these jerks would just shut their fat mouths!"

a player called out. The whole room laughed

"I only see one ierk with one fat mouth,"

The little woman jumped up and sent

her chair clanging into the person behind

her. "Who said that? Who said that!?" she

can't concentrate!"

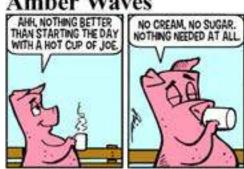
and applauded.

closer to the caller station.

CryptoQuip

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

Amber Waves



Casino Q&A

(1) Winning at slots is just a matter of luck.

return 98% of the money you put into it. (T

(3) When tipping a slot attendant during a hand-pay, the more you win, the more you should tip. (T or F) (4) Should you hit big on Megabucks,

it's better to take a discounted lumpsum payment rather than receive yearly installments. (T or F) (5) A slot that hasn't paid out a jackpot in a

than pressing the spin button. (T or F)

That's a heck of a story—that's why I'm

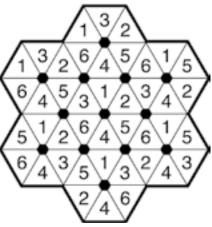
running it again. And as I said before, it got me wondering what could have happened The caller looked amused and told the had the loudmouth been a guy built like a linebacker instead of this small woman.

> 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

SHOMELTHRES

solution



Even Exchange

Farmer, Former Larger, Larder

Boggle BrainBusters

Answers:

GREEN BEIGE BROWN WHITE

BLACK KHAKI CREAM

Go Figure!

answers

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8

- Brake, Broke 7. Tiber, Tibet
- Shrub, Shrug 8. Captor, Castor
- Refine, Define 9. Twain, Train

Pinch, Punch Strive, Strike



Test Your Slot IQ

(2) A slot advertising a 98% payback will

long time is overdue and is bound to hit. (T (6) Pulling the handle gave you better control

(7) Asking a slot floor attendant which slots

are "hot" and ready to pay off is a waste of time. (T or F)

ANSWERS:

1. 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.

2. 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

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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!

7. 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.



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Veterans Post

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 9. HISTORY: Which politician made the 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 3. Serpens. 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 6. The kidneys. the False Claims Act for failure to share the 7. Vermont. 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 10. Pierre. was prepared to label him a swindler, a lowlife, 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.









Test Your Knowledge

- 1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male
- 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?
- phrase "Iron Curtain" famous in a speech about eastern Europe?
- 10. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of

ANSWERS

- 1. A drake.
- 2. Jane Austen.
- 4. Franklin Roosevelt.
- 5. The Matrix.

- 8. Mount Kilimaniaro. 9. Winston Churchill.

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

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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.

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 rescue, humane society, pet care program or letter of instruction, describing your pet's other animal welfare group. Many of these 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.

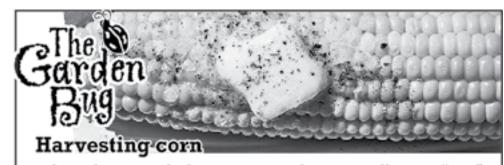
Another option is to create a pet trust, which provides more legal protections. Depending on your state's laws (see aspca. org/pet-care/pet-planning/pet-trust-laws), you could set up either a revocable pet trust, which can be changed or canceled during your lifetime, or an irrevocable pet trust that 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.

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 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.

Other Arrangements



When their tassels begin to turn brown, pull corn "ears" downward and twist them off the stalk. Remove all husks, tassels and stalks, and place shucked cobs of corn in cold water until time to cook. Bring a large kettle of water to a rapid boil, adding 1 tablespoon of salt for each quart of water. Toss in all your corn cobs and boil them 3-5 minutes. Remove and drain, and serve hot with butter and seasonings. - Brenda Weaver

Source: www.almanac.com

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Husband and wife, Slade and Clair S. were both winners at **Virgin River's** Wednesday session. Congratulations!

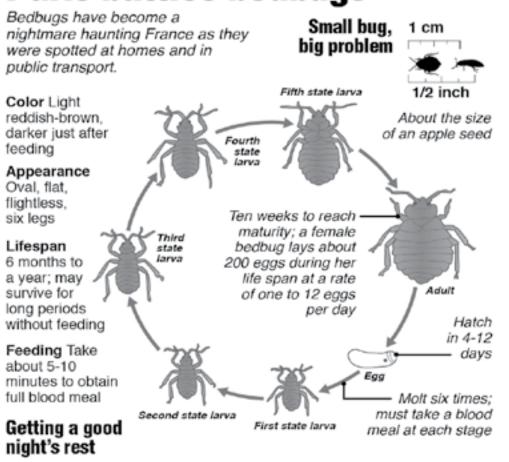


Gasoline Alley

By Jim Scancarelli



Paris battles bedbugs



 Keep bedrooms free of Examine mattress, especially the clutter, no fabric touching seams for molted walls or floor; seal wall cracks and crevices

Source: Mayo Clinic, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Graphic: Staff, TNS

shells

 Experts say exterminators, with several follow-up visits, may be needed

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

7. A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) Kenneth Branagh, Michelle

8. The Nun II (R) Taissa Farmiga, Jonas Bloquet

9. The Equalizer 3 (R) Denzel Washington, Dakota

10. Dumb Money

(R) Paul Dano, Pete Davidson

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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.

SENIOR

by Matilda Charles

Social Security

Increase for 2024

News Line

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

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

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

the 8.7% increase we received for 2023.

additional \$10 for Medicare Part B.

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 vears 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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DECEMBER BINGO PROMOTIONS

25 Days of Giving

• Swipe at the kiosk once daily after Bingo Buy-in & receive \$25 Free Bingo Play (\$50 minimum buy in)

\$28,000 December Bingo Bash – Dec 2

- Every session includes
- 4x \$1k coveralls
- 10 Lucky Drawing Winners will receive \$25 Free Bingo

Mondays at 11am and 5pm

Free Electronic Large Rainbow. Minimum buy in required.

Fridays & Saturdays at 7pm & 9pm

• 4x \$1,000 coveralls

Sundays at 11am & 1pm

4x \$1,000 coveralls

The Spats

WILLYOU LOVE ME WHEN I GROW OLD AND OVERWEIGHT?

Sweet Potato and

This plant-based chili is a nutritional

As the air turns cool and crisp, it's time to

This chili isn't just about fantastic flavor,

it's a plant-based nutritional powerhouse that

just happens to be vegan. Sweet potatoes

bring a dose of vitamin A, fiber and natural

sweetness. Black beans contribute plant-

based protein and fiber. The colorful array of

vegetables provides a variety of vitamins and

This recipe is flexible enough to be easily

customized. To make this very kid-friendly,

adjust the level of spice to appeal to your

This chili comes together quickly, so I

warm your soul with a hearty bowl of Sweet

Black Bean Chili

Potato and Black Bean Chili.

you start sauteing the onions.

family

Double/Triple pay sessions

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

Bonus "R" balls

- Three times a week every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
- At the 11am, 3pm, & 9pm sessions
- Bingo on B-12 or any number ending
- lar payout / validation required

Winning Wednesdays

• Free small rainbow pack in the electronic unit every session (\$16 value). Minimum buy-in required

New Year's Eve December 31

- All sessions include:
- "Good bye" to 2023 Bonus Ball Bingo on I-23 and receive \$500 (valida-
- *Special 11pm* with \$2,024 First chance coverall.

New Year's Day – January 1,

- 3X \$1000 coveralls
- I-24 and receive \$500 (validation required)

- Receive \$500 In addition to the regu-

- 4X\$1000 Coveralls, 10 Drawing winners for \$25 Free Bingo Play
- tion required)
- All sessions include:
- "Hello" to 2024 Bonus Ball Bingo on

by Jeff Pickering



SWEET POTATO AND BLACK BEAN

Yield: 4 (1 1/2 cup) servings Total Time: 35 minutes

- 2 tablespoons olive oil 1 (1 cup) onion, diced,
- 3 cloves garlic, minced, or more to taste 3 (3 cups) sweet potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 3 (1 1/2 cups) carrots, sliced 1 (3/4 cup) red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chili powder 1/2 tablespoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne, optional (adjust to
- 1/2 cup water or vegetable broth 1 (15-ounce) can black beans
- 1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes with
- Assorted chili toppings: tortilla chips, diced onion, crackers, shredded cheese,

In a Dutch oven or soup pot over medium Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the pennyheat, warm the olive oil. Saute the onions for a minute or two so they get a head start cooking. Add the garlic, sweet potatoes, carrots and A Dime - Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous!

bell pepper to the pan. Cook until the onions

are soft, about 5 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium-low and add all the spices, stirring well to coat all the veggies. divapatti@divasonadime.com advise having all the veggies chopped before Be careful that you don't burn the spices; keep stirring the pot.

Future Horror

Nevada

Announced early this year, Universal plans to open a "111,000-square-foot, year-round, Unleashed." Not much progress 10 months later, but we're posting it as a reminder that it's another in a long line of entertainment choices that will open here in the foreseeable

Happenings

Portillo's Coming

plans to open in Las Vegas. Famous for its Chicago dogs and Italian beef sandwiches, it will join Giordano's as a Windy City transplant, though it hasn't been announced when that will be.

Immersive Attraction At 63

A new digital "museum" is on its way from Korea to the Strip. Arte Museum bills itself as a "fusion of various digital-media technologies and visual creativity" using puts Las Vegas' Aroma Latin American hyper-realistic projection through which "visitors experience nature unconstrained by time and space." The Korean digitaldesign company is opening the \$25 million, two-story, 30,000 square-foot exhibition space at 63, the shopping center attached to

Cosmopolitan. The show, "Eternal Nature," will surround guests with "towering waterfalls, vast beaches, blooming flowers. breaking waves, forest landscapes, the northern lights, and infinite star fields," plus a "Light of Las Vegas" zone, customized for

Tropicana To Be Imploded

A story on Thrillist quoted the president of horror-focused attraction" to be the anchor the Oakland A's who said, "For us to build tenant in a 20-acre expansion at Area15. No a ballpark on it, the entire site [Tropicana] timetable or capital investment was ever needs to be clean. Part of it will be taken revealed and as far as we know, ground down manually, but part of it will be hasn't been broken, although the January imploded. That will be a big celebration." announcement mentioned "the next six He also mentioned that the team is talking months." However, the attraction has now to the Neon Museum about "incorporating been named and ThemeParkInsider.com vintage signs and marquees into the design, reports that it will be "Universal Horror perhaps as part of the scoreboard. You could even tour the stadium on a non-game day and see the different signs, doubling as a mini-museum." The Thrillist piece quoted an internal memo citing late 2024 and mid-2025 for the Trop to close; a new hotelcasino will be built "around" the stadium and will probably be called Bally's. (Note: Chicago's iconic Portillo's has announced Major League Baseball had not yet approved the A's move to Vegas at press time.)

Las Vegas Tops for Tacos

A study by Clever, a real-estate data company, last month ranked Las Vegas the "No. 3 Taco City" in America. First was Austin: last was Cleveland. Las Vegas has 7.2 taco restaurants per 100,000 residents (most are probably Roberto's). Now a Yelp list of the "Top 100 Taco Spots in the U.S." Cocina (2877 N. Green Valley Pkwy.) at #1. Others from Vegas making the list are YOURWAY Breakfast and Lunch at #17, Bajamar Seafood & Tacos at #19, Chicali Tacos at #27, and Garden Grill #41.

the Shops at Crystals between Aria and the Reporting by the www.lasvegasadviser.com.



As soon as the spices become beautifully

fragrant, add the water or broth, beans and

the tomatoes. Deglaze the pan by scraping

the bottom of the pan, stirring to incorporate.

Bring the pot to a boil then reduce heat to low.

covered, stirring occasionally, over low heat

for about 20 minutes, until the flavors marry,

Serve in bowls and let your guests top their

This chili is such a hit with my family, I

always make at least a double batch. It's great

for meal prep and easy lunches, and it freezes

This vegan chili is absolutely delicious

and nutritionally balanced as written. But

for those carnivores seeking a meaty twist,

consider adding some cooked hamburger

crumbles, shredded chicken or pork. Or

give Italian sausage a try. Simply brown the

sausage separately and mix it in at the end. It's

a delightful alternative that elevates this dish

pinching, party-planning, recipe developer

and content creator of the website Divas On

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and the sweet potatoes and carrots are soft.

chili with their favorite toppings.

beautifully.

to a whole new level.

Allow your chili to simmer, partially



by cindy elavsky

Q: Is it true that "Monk" is coming back? Will it still have the same cast and, obviously, Tony Shalhoub? — L.S.

A: Tony Shalhoub is soon returning to his three-time Emmy-winning role of Detective Adrian Monk, but in the form of a movie, not a new series. Mr. Monk's Last Case: A Monk Movie reunites the cast for the first time since the series ended in 2009. Returning are Ted Levine as Leland, Jason Gray-Stanford as Randy and Traylor Howard as Natalie. Bitty Schram is also expected to appear as Sharona in flashback scenes.

Also, despite its definitive-sounding title, the series' creator, Andy Breckman, says that he hopes to follow it up with another movie someday. A Monk Movie premieres Dec. 8

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803; or e-mail her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

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by Alessandra

Lucky Predictions for December 2023

ARIES: March 21 to April 19 1st thru 6th... Best advantages 2nd-3rd! 7th thru 12th... You're loaded the 12th\$!\$ 13th thru 18th... On the \$ame path 16th! 19th thru 24th... Bring it on 20th-21st\$ 25th thru 31st... $GREEN = GO \text{ the } 25^{th}!$

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20 1st thru 6th... Good hunches 4th-5th!\$ 7th thru 12th... Better luck next time 13th thru 18th... Unexpected gain 13th-14th! 19th thru 24th... See to believe 22nd-23rd\$\$ 25th thru 31st ... BLUE works 4 you 26th\$

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21 1st thru 6th... All yours 2nd-3rd\$\$ 7th thru 12th... You are GOLDEN the 7th! 13th thru 18th... You're ahead 16th\$ 19th thru 24th... Jackpot! 20th\$ 25th thru 31st ... Nice haul 29th-30th!

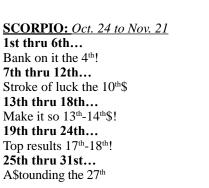
CANCER: June 22 to July 22 1st thru 6th...

Longshot pays the 4th\$! 7th thru 12th... No stopping you 9th-10th!\$ 13th thru 18th... Dreams manifest 13th-14th\$\$ 19th thru 24th... Avoid 19th-21st 25th thru 31st ... Your picks are spot on 27th!

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22 1st thru 6th... HOT game the 2nd\$\$ 7th thru 12th... Multiple wins the 11th! 13th thru 18th... Keep it rollin' 15th-16th! 19th thru 24th... Watch, then win 20th-21st\$ 25th thru 31st ... Luck infusion the 30th\$!

VIRGO: *Aug. 23 to Sept. 22* 1st thru 6th... All about winning 4th-5th! 7th thru 12th... Look out world 9th-10th\$\$! 13th thru 18th... Got it goin' on 13th-14th! 19th thru 24th... Solid wins 2nd-23rd\$ 25th thru 31st ... True BLUE wins 27th\$

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23 1st thru 6th... Revvv'd on RED 2nd-3rd! 7th thru 12th... Luck abroad the 12th 13th thru 18th... Mixed bag the 16th 19th thru 24th... It could happen 20th-21st 25th thru 31st... Try your luck 25th & 30th!



SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21 1st thru 6th... Far ahead 2nd-3rd! 7th thru 12th... Who knew (?!) 7th-8th\$ 13th thru 18th.. Great strategy the 16th 19th thru 24th... You lucky dog the 21st! 25th thru 31st...

Amazingly good 25th & 30th\$\$ CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19 1st thru 6th... Keep trying 4th-5th\$ 7th thru 12th... Magic begins the 9th\$! 13th thru 18th... *You* call the shots 13th-14th! 19th thru 24th... Great start 18th-19th\$ 25th thru 31st...

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18 1st thru 6th... Move aside, losers (6th)! 7th thru 12th... Sky's the limit, 11th\$! 13th thru 18th... Worth a shot the 16th 19th thru 24th... Sure celebration 20th-21st! 25th thru 31st... Step back now

Wait 'til the 31st\$!

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20 1st thru 6th... Better luck next time 7th thru 12th... That's the way (!) 9th-10th 13th thru 18th... Rewards a plenty 13th-14th! 19th thru 24th.. Wow-wow-WOW the 22nd!! 25th thru 31st... For real, all yours, 26th & 28th\$\$

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

PREDICTORS LUCKY CARD FOR DECEMBER 202



MOON PHASES

& SPECIAL
EVENTS **DECEMBER** 2023

Santa's' List Day Last Ouarter Moon 8th First Day of Chanukah New Moon 12th 15th Last Day of Chanukah

19th First Quarter Moon. December Solstice 21st 24th Christmas Eve

25th Christmas Day 26th Kwanzaa **27th** Full Moon

31st New Year's Eve



by Frederick Woodruff Explore more at ASTROINQUIRY.COM

Horoscopes for December 2023

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): The new Moon on the 12th supplies you with a megadose of chutzpah. How do you apply this onrush of new vitality? How about confronting a particular habit that needs to be tempered? Instead of offering advice to others, use your surplus energy to organize your schedule to generate the outcome you wish to achieve next year.

Lucky Days: 4 - 13 Lucky Numbers: 1 - 34

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): A potent month where desires that have remained hidden force their way into consciousness. This awakening allows you to do some important restructuring. Consider this wisdom from Epicurus: "Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for." **Lucky Days:** 11 - 18 **Lucky Numbers:** 9 - 23

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): A shock arrives on the new Moon on the 12th, bringing a sobering reality check. It's time to commit fully to a creative project that's remained a long-term dream. While restructuring your life a paradox will arise. Aristotle has some do, lies in our power not to do."

Lucky Days: 8 - 17 **Lucky Numbers:** 54 - 55

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): December's message: Get on with it! Imagination is a AQUARIUS (JAN 21st-FEB 19th): You potent force, but it can waylay you if too much time is invested into the world of fantasy. The new Moon on the 12th engages you in a sharp exchange of truth-telling. This burst of clarity pushes you onto a new path for the new year. Welcome the brisk wakeup call.

Lucky Days: 3 - 19 **Lucky Numbers:** 9 - 21

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): You've been skirting the boundary line between the familiar you and the unexplored you. You'll gain more mileage if you push yourself into untraveled territory. Feeling secure gives us a sense of safety, but we can become trapped in a mindset that no longer serves our longrange goals. Allow yourself to take risks—

Lucky Days: 3 - 23 Lucky Numbers: 9 - 51 VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): The new Moon on the 12th sets you up for an explosive pressure release. Your tendency is to assist and spearhead the efforts of those closest to you. You'll find more peace of mind now by focusing on your own dreams and plans. Strive to find a middle ground between doing for others and claiming what's yours in the new year.

Lucky Days: 6 - 29 Lucky Numbers: 22 - 46

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): Living just for yourself doesn't inspire you. Bonding with those close to you is your central drive. But consider these words from Thoreau: "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." Allow yourself to stray from your tight alliance with others, and everyone will benefit. **Lucky Days:** 9 - 13

Lucky Numbers: 9 - 55

SCORPIO (OCT 24th-NOV 22nd): Discrimination is the keyword for December. As is self-discipline. Avoid overindulgence. With Venus moving through your sign this month, your ability to attract what you want is running at a high-octane level. Use your keen intuition to oversee the choices you

Lucky Days: 7 - 19 Lucky Numbers: 22 - 35

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23rd-DEC 21st): Make sound judgment the defining force in your life as the year closes. You need a strong dose of objectivity now—a way to experience the difference between an actual problem and fallout from your overactive imagination. Enlist a trusted friend or counselor to offer feedback.

Lucky Days: 9 - 11 Lucky Numbers: 49 - 50

CAPRICORN (DEC 22nd-JAN 20th): Saturn, your ruling planet, is transiting the most imaginative sign in the Zodiac. This initiates a marriage between fantasy and materiality. An opportunity is present to shape your highest hope into a reality. Don't advice for you: "What lies in our power to let the opinion of, or static from, others undermine your commitment. Move away from distraction.

Lucky Days: 8 - 25 Lucky Numbers: 8 - 23

might feel pulled in two different directions as the year closes. One side of your nature wants to maintain the status quo for security. But your social instinct is forcing you to extend yourself to forge new relationships. Follow your urge to hang out with others. That's where you'll gain the most traction. **Lucky Days:** 6 - 27 Lucky Numbers: 20 - 48

PISCES (FEB 20th-MAR 20th): As you prepare to make headway with a new creative endeavor, negotiation, and diplomacy are going to be an important part of your process. Don't allow your shy nature to distract you from the new path you're ready to tread. Our relationships with others are key to achieving what we want most in life.

Lucky Days: 10 - 22 **Lucky Numbers:** 19 - 51

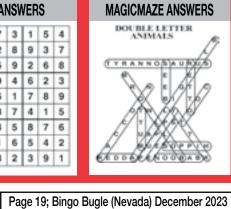
COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Vista 2. Mobile 3. Timber 4. Option Today's Word: BOTTOM JUMBLES: HOIST MONEY NEATLY RADISH

Answer: When he was arrested, the mime chose to — REMAIN SILENT **HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES:** 1. Shutters are missing. 2. Swing is missing. 3. Dog's tongue is hidden. 4. Cap is missing. 5. Bug sprayer is missing. 6. Flap is smaller CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: If you can survive camping with someone, you should marry them on the way home. - Yvonne Prinz



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Christmas Surprise Presents

The tradition of gift-giving at Christmas has a rich and diverse history that has evolved over many centuries. It encompasses various cultural influences and religious traditions.

The practice of giving gifts during the winter season predates Christianity. In ancient times, many cultures celebrated winter festivals around the time of the winter solstice. These festivals often involved the exchange of gifts as a way to spread warmth and cheer during the cold, dark months. Examples include the Roman festival of Saturnalia and the Scandinavian tradition of Yule.

Today, gift-giving is a central aspect of Christmas celebrations in many parts of the world. People exchange gifts with family and friends, often as a way to express love and appreciation. The tradition has expanded to include not only religious significance but also secular and cultural aspects of the holiday season.

Now that we have that trip through Google out of the way, let me dish on some of the oddest gifts I've ever received at Christmas (all accepted with love and appreciation, of course).

-- The negligee. I was 15 years old, and a well-meaning relative gifted me a hot pink negligee, complete with ostrich feather trim. Once again, I was 15. Ladies, picture yourself at 15, opening a beautifully decorated Christmas box, and extracting a very sexy piece of clothing in front of aunts, uncles, grandparents, and assorted

--More recently, I received a gift that was identical to the gift I gave that person the Christmas before. Coincidence? Luckily, I tend to give items that I would enjoy having myself, so it was a welcome gift.

--I once received a whole case of canned clam chowder soup, because at some point that previous Spring, I mentioned how hard it was to get good clam chowder around here. Well, now I had 12 cans of it. Stop whining, Elle.

--Bags of shelled pecans. This is a GOOD gift. I had a family member with pecan trees on their property, and if you were one of the lucky ones, you would receive one or two bags of shelled pecans from them. They've passed on now, and no store-bought bags of pecans taste nearly as good.

-- A Pachinko machine. For a very brief period, in the 70s, Pachinko machines became quite popular. My mother bought one for us kids, and it was a hit-or-miss with us. I loved it; my brother barely touched it. I wish I still had it, but it eventually got passed down the line to another relative.

I hope you all have a lovely holiday season. Our family has dwindled down considerably, but I'll be spending it with loved ones–and the doggies!

MERRY CHIRSTMAS!

Congratulations to the lucky winner, taking home a total of \$1500 cash in hand from **Red Rock Casino**.

Lucky Lotto News

Most Expensive Purchases Made by Lottery Winners

The National Endowment for Financial Education recently claimed that a whopping 70% of lottery winners lose it all. Here are some of the most expensive—and most interesting—purchases ever made by lottery winners.

\$47 Million Dollar Home

As the winner of the largest lottery prize ever, Edwin Castro purchased several houses, including a mansion in Los Angeles for \$47 million. He also purchased mansion in the Hollywood Hills for \$25.5 million and another for \$4 million. Castro was the sole winner of the largest Powerball jackpot ever, which soared to \$2.04 billion. After taxes and taking the lump sum, he kept just under \$1 billion. So, even though his real estate purchases seem extravagant, they're actually only a small portion of his overall wealth.

\$825,000 Toward Legalizing Marijuana

Bob Erb is a Canadian lottery winner who won \$25 million in 2012. Known for his generosity even before winning the lottery, Erb spent large portions of his wealth helping others. But there's one political cause he was especially focused on supporting: legalizing weed in Canada. An avid marijuana smoker, Erb donated around \$825,000 to political causes to support his desire to make it legal.

\$200,000 for a Water Park

While there are many things you can buy with the \$319 million John Kutey and his wife won, a water park is a unique choice. This couple donated \$200,000 to create Spray Park located in Green Island, New York. The park, which is a giant splash pad, can now be enjoyed by residents of Green Island for years to come. The Kutey couple dedicated the park to their parents.

\$5 Million on Gambling

Evelyn Adams might be the luckiest or the unluckiest person in the world, depending on how you look at it. Against all odds, she won the lottery two years in a row, in 1985 and 1986, netting \$5.4 million. Sadly, she took her winnings hoping for more of a good luck streak in Atlantic City and unfortunately gambled it all away. By 2016, she was broke.

\$608,000 on a Fireworks Factory

Debbie Mather used her lottery winnings to buy a fireworks factory, which cost the equivalent of just over \$608,000. This was a relatively small portion of her \$6 million win, and it helped her re-live some of her childhood joy of watching the sky light up with fireworks.

\$250,000 for a Racehorse

Keith Gough decided to use his U.K. lottery winnings to buy a racehorse among other things, including lavish homes and cars. Sadly, Gough would later say the roughly \$11 million win contributed to his destruction. He became an alcoholic, fell for repeated scams, ended up divorced and died just five years after winning the lottery.

\$30,000 on Producing Music

Roger Griffiths won \$2.2 million in the lottery in 2005. The husband and father of two decided to use some of the money to resurrect an old dream—becoming a rock star. He wanted to get back together with his college band, so he spent \$30,000 producing a record with them. Sadly, the record only sold 600 copies. Griffiths' marriage also failed, and soon, his lottery winnings were gone. Griffiths isn't giving up on his rock star dream, though. Just recently, he announced his band is going to re-launch once again and that they're also in the middle of writing a book about their experiences.

Winning the lottery can be a massive blessing or a curse. How it pans out depends on the willingness of winners to take a step back. exhibit some financial restraint and plan appropriately for their futures. —Reporting by Yahoo Finance

Gaming News

Sports Bets at Your VP Machine

The most interesting product being rolled out at this year's Global Gaming Expo (G2E) is a machine that combines video poker and sports betting introduced by IGT, which calls it "the Reese's Peanut Butter Cup of slots." On the machine, you can play video poker and make in-game sports bet at the same time, all from your credits on the meter. Choose your VP variation from the multigame screen, then toggle to the "equivalent of a sports betting kiosk" with the touch of a button. While you're playing VP, a sports ticker runs across the bottom of the screen, but you can pin your game of choice to the screen "for even faster access to in-game bets." The sports-betting screen has all the options available at a kiosk and sports book; a betting ticket is printed, if it's a winner; the payout is reflected on the credit meter. "For accounting and reporting purposes, the machine notes in the background how much was bet for sports and how much for video poker." You cash out your combined credits in the usual fashion by printing the TITO ticket. No word, of course, about whether the sports bet odds are worse than at the kiosk or book, but Las Vegas Advisor says, "we'd lay 100-1 they're not better and 10-1 they're not



Casino Stocks Signaling Downturn?

A recent article on YahooFinance.com enumerated the major slump of casino stocks since early August, "with some entering bearmarket territory after dropping more than 20%." It reports that the "biggest losers have been the world's largest gambling stock by total valuation, Las Vegas Sands, and MGM Resorts," which is still recovering from their cyberattack. Only a single stock out of the top ten largest-cap gambling companies (Light & Wonder) "has eked out a gain in the second half of the year, edging up just 0.5%," and "casino stocks have plunged so much over the past two months that they're even underperforming the S&P 500." The article goes on to cite the gambling industry as a leading economic indicator of potential rough seas ahead: "When people have less money to spend, they're more likely to use it to buy food or pay rent than bet on roulette or blackjack in Las Vegas." We'll know more when third-quarter earnings reports start coming in over the next couple of weeks.

Sports betting At WarHorse

Sports betting is taking the field in Omaha after Nebraska state regulators gave recent approval to WarHorse Casino. Sports fans can now place wagers on the field of the Horsemen's Park track. "I think that interest in Omaha is going to surpass what we've seen in Lincoln because those are people who are used to crossing the river and gambling," said Lynne McNally, WarHorse CEO. The rest of WarHorse's Omaha location is still under construction. More than 130 workers are piecing together the new parking garage at the former city landfill site. Crews are repainting the existing building, renovating its inside, and adding a new facade to the exterior. WarHorse is targeting a September 2024 opening.

BINGO LAND

News from the Real World & Cyberspace

Lego Bingo!

What would you think of testing your luck with your beloved game of Bingo, but first you get to build the game itself out of... Legos!? A husband and wife team recently collaborated on creating a Lego Bingo set, combining the couples' favorite past times of building and displaying Lego sets and playing Bingo with family and friends; it includes Bingo cards, caller's card, 75 colorcoded and numbered balls, and of course, a functioning Bingo cage. The cards can be rearranged with different number patterns, allowing players to choose their favorite number combinations or use a random layout. The couple hopes to get the 10,000 supporters needed to have Lego review the project and consider making it into an actual Lego set for sale. If you want Lego Bingo to become a reality, go online and click the "support" button at ideas.lego.com (search for "bingo"). At press time, they'd hit the 100-supporters mark, so let's make it to 10,000 and see if we can make Bingo a real-

Big Jackpot a Special One

A winner identified as Pam from Massachusetts won the \$50,000 jackpot at the Plaza's Super Bingo Tournament event this past October in Las Vegas. But as the Plaza reported, this winning story has a special twist. Last year, on the exact same day, October 11, 2022, Pam played in the same tournament and had a very different experience: she had a heart attack. During a break from the Bingo action symptoms led her to be admitted to Valley Hospital Medical Center. Obviously, Pam made a courageous recovery, and one year later, to the day, Pam took home the \$50,000

ackpot in the company of her best friend, Donna. Plaza's Super Bingo draws nearly 1,000 people from across the country for the three-day tournament. Bingo players take their Plaza Bingo seriously: back in 2021, a woman named Rhonda won \$1.4 million at Golden Gate and immediately went to Plaza

Bingo Gets Spooky in Wisconsin Spooktacular Bingo made its return at the Town Square Community Center in Green Lake, putting a thrilling twist on its monthly Bingo night with Spooktacular Bingo. Bingo-goers attended the event dressed in their Halloween best. The evening offered 13 spine-chilling games, along with speedy bingo and a progressive blackout featuring a multi-thousand-dollar jackpot. "I always love seeing how people incorporate the theme of Bingo into what they wear," volunteer Diane Rogahn said. Proceeds from the games support Town Square, an awardwinning community center located in the historic county courthouse buildings in the heart of downtown Green Lake.

Bingo Battle

Arizona veterans' groups say state agencies are unfairly cracking down on electronic bingo cards, while state agencies say agents are only conducting inspections to prevent the use of illegal bingo machines. At a recent news conference at the Arizona Capitol, several members of local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts were ioined by Republican Senate Majority Leader Sonny Borrelli, who said the departments of Revenue, Gaming, and Liquor are conducting raids and harassing organizations for their use of bingo technological aids.

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by Kate and Reva

The Gift of Giving

Kate loves to dress up like Santa Claus, complete with beard. She volunteers her time at two nursery schools that really like to play up a visit from the grand old man of Christmas. This year she was contacted by our local casino to see if she would play thrilled, of course, and bought new boots to make sure she looked perfect. I was happy to go along for the ride.

The big party was three days before Christmas, and you had to make reservations! We convinced Cliff and Rodney to go and soon the plans were afoot. We dressed in holiday sweaters and Santa hats and were off to enjoy the party.

Kate's job was to accompany the floor worker who made the payouts and give each winner a big howdy and a Christmas candy cane. She was also instructed to keep the party lively and happy. She is good at this and soon everyone was having a great time whether they were winning or not.

We had some special games for the yuletide. One was the Christmas tree which was the N row, the second I, the second G and the third B, I, and O. That one was fun, and I was actually on before someone else took the prize.

We played along merrily enough, enjoying the spirits and happiness of the season when all at once a great uproar happened on the far side of the room. We were too far away to see what was going on but stood up anyway. The calling ceased temporarily while it was discovered that two big glasses of punch had somehow got dumped over, making a huge mess. In the spirit of the season, the casino kindly replaced some soaked cards with new cards (but not more punch LOL) and we were off again.

I could tell our jingly-belled Santa was wearing out as she was not as jingly as she had been earlier, but she kept right on making the candy cane payouts.

We were then at the final blackout and concentration was deep. At last someone shouted "Bingo" and I could see it was a woman nearby whom Kate particularly disliked. I urged her to do her job anyway as I could clearly see Kate giving off a distinctly un-Santa Claus-like aura. Kate managed to suck it up (except for her Santa Belly) and gave the woman her candy cane, then led her Santa for their Christmas party. She was to the Christmas tree at the caller's stand that was loaded with gifts for all the attendees, courtesy of the casino. The woman helped Kate hand out the gifts to each attendee. They were nice little makeup cases filled with all manner of samples for the women, and the men were given quite nice wallets. "I've been thinking about getting a new

one," said Cliff obviously pleased. And I loved my little case. We were truly delighted with the way

the evening had gone in spite of none of us winning anything. Kate was exhausted, but happily collected her pay for her part in the celebration.

Then to make the evening perfect, we all went out for a late supper.

Stickelers Answer

The only word spelled correctly is INNOCUOUS.

B: 03 05 07 12 15 18 22 23 27 29 32 34 36 37 44 48 54 56 57 59 G: O: 62 64 67 69 73

FLASHBOARD NUMBERS



WORD LADDERS

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

WARTS

LOADS

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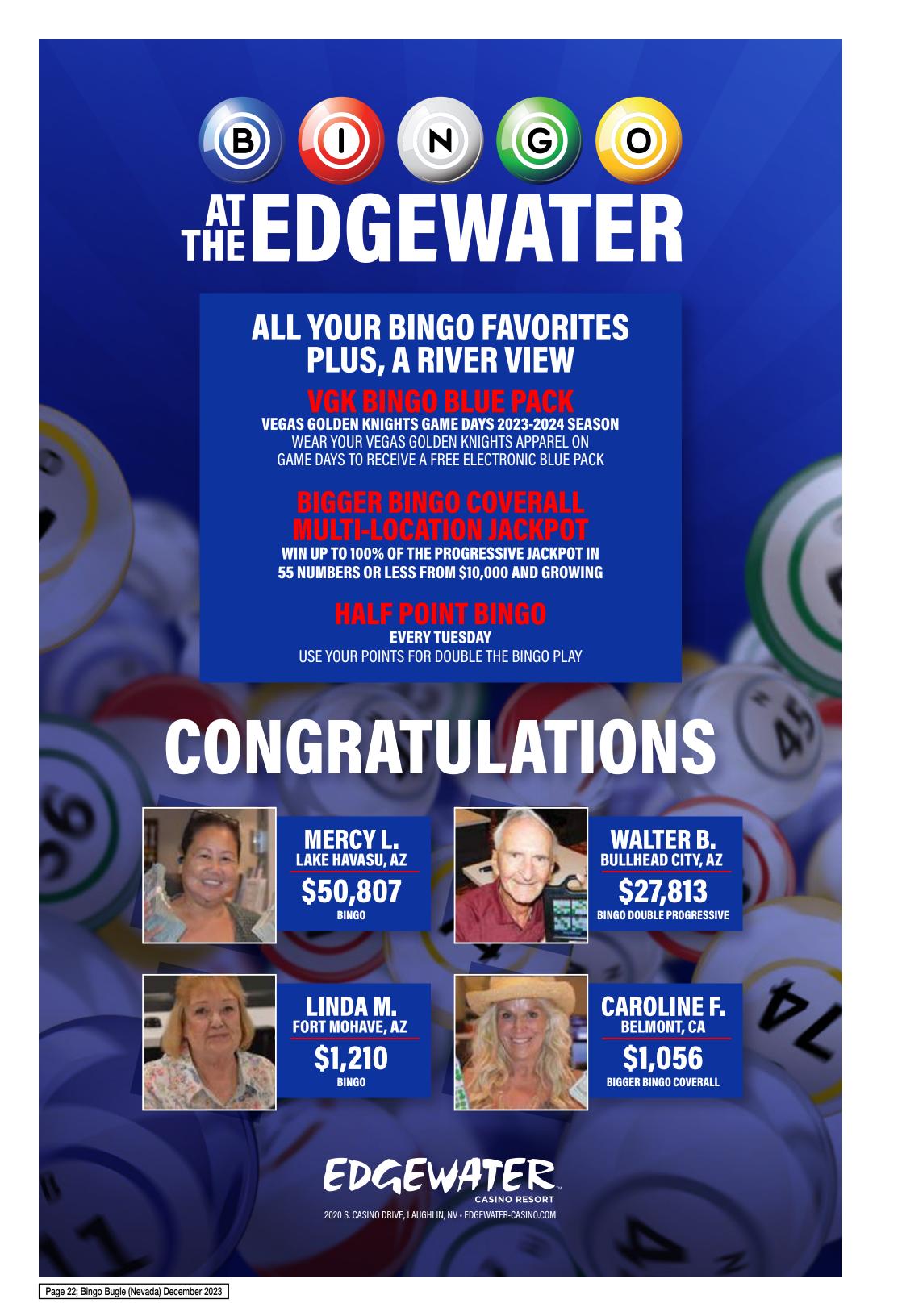


Family Fun Day at Virgin River Casino! Glenn M., wife Michelle M., mom Kae A. and sister Nicole H. were ready to party at bingo with winning attitudes!



Kristy and Rickey B. are ready and excited to play bingo at Rampart Casino!

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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

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 QUESTIONS 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 3. Who was Walden Robert Cassotto? activities at a school—vou're feeling a bit

It seems to me your options are these: Keep the cash and forget about how you

Donate all the cash back to the school;

Return the cost of those two extra packs; at the middle school and make sure it all gets spent there until your losses equal that

I lean toward explaining to management what happened and offer to pay for the two inspiration was the Aberfan disaster in packs, but it's up to you!

Good luck! —Aunt Bingo

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



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?

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

ANSWERS

1. The Byrds, in 1965. The lyrics (written Designate that the \$75 plus the cost of two by Pete Seeger) came from the Book of Bingo packs be used only for future Bingo 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 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

* "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

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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?

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 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.

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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ANIMAL CRACKERS





PICKS OF THE MONTH

Reptile (R) — In this crime thriller starring Benicio del Toro and Justin Timberlake, a or two after symptoms start. Most people are detective (del Toro) with a past of uncovering no longer infectious after five to seven days of 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 podcast that doesn't really get much traction. won't be an easy feat. Del Toro's acting prowess is what easily carries the film, along with a refreshing performance from *Clueless* star Alicia Silverstone. Out now. (Netflix)

> Five Nights at Freddy's (PG-13) — Based on the video game franchise of the status instantly begins to climb. But when same name, this horror film follows security another student finds incriminating evidence 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 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 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)

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

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