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On December 9, Las Vegas local Christine was playing bingo at Sam's Town Hotel and Gambling Hall when she hit the Double Daub jackpot, winning a total sum of \$83,091.

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Alicia M. from Hawaii was amazed at her huge win of \$1,999 while playing at Plaza Casino. Congratulations, Alicia!

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Arizona Charlie's Awards Over \$2.5 Million in Combined Jackpots in November

LAS VEGAS – Dec. 7, 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 \$2,756,377 in combined jackpots to lucky guests in November, including \$2,440,438 from slot jackpots and \$315,939 from bingo wins.

One lucky local has plenty to be thankful for this November after playing video poker, earning a total of \$140,659 in combined jackpots throughout the month at Arizona Charlie's Decatur.

Maria won a total jackpot of \$28,201 on the Money Link game at the Boulder location. Another lucky player won a total \$24,217 jackpot on the Prosperity Link game at the Decatur location.

Additional highlights from the month include two local guests who earned their November jackpots in the final days of the month, including one player who won \$20,000 on video poker on Nov. 28, and another lucky player snagged a last-minute bingo jackpot of \$63,239 on Nov. 29, both at the Boulder location.

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

About Arizona Charlie's Hotel & Casino

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

Gasoline Alley

By Jim Scancarelli



DEAR PAWS: On my morning walks, I've noticed that someone in a house down the street puts their dog outside, tied to the porch railing, with only a pan of water. They stay out there all morning. Now that the weather has turned cold, I still see this dog tied up every morning outside. Even with a shaggy coat, the dog is shivering. What can I do to stop this? — *Francesca W., via email*

DEAR FRANCESCA: If this person isn't someone you know, and you're nervous about knocking on their door to talk to them about it, then contact the animal control department for your town, city or county. If you live in an area where there is no animal control unit, call the nearest shelter or Humane Society to make a report.

In cold temperatures, even temps above freezing, dogs can suffer a cold injury. Their paws and noses — any exposed skin — are at risk for frostbite. Hypothermia can be deadly, or it can permanently impair their immune system and overall health. A thick coat doesn't provide as much protection from the cold as one might think.

Many cities have laws against leaving pets out in extreme cold or heat. And tying up a dog outside, even for a few hours, is also unacceptable. If no one else is saying anything about it, go ahead and make some noise by calling any organization that can help and finding out where you can go to make it happen even faster. Thank you for paying attention to and helping that dog out.

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

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BOB ON BINGO

By Bob Whittmore

What's your favorite number?

(A Best of Bob on Bingo)

As regular readers to this column know, my all-time favorite Bingo number is I-19. I'm not sure why, but I really love that number. And, once every five years or so, when I Bingo on that number, I get the chance to stand up and cheer.

Back when I was able play every night—when I lived in Las Vegas—I started naming all the balls. I just wonder how many reading this column have a favorite number or have given a Bingo ball a nickname. Well, let us know at bobonbingo@earthlink.net.

Some of the numbered balls I've named: I-23: I always called I-23 "the cutie." Again, I'm not sure why, but it IS cute. It kinda looks like "1-2-3."

I have always thought that I-26 was the most-hated number in Bingo. I got that idea from a friend. One night he needed I-26 to win in three consecutive games. All three times he didn't win.



by Annie E. Ennis

Chocolate Chip Muffins

Dear Annie,

My children love the chocolate chip muffins they sell at the local bakeries in our town. However, I would rather make them myself and save the inflated prices that the bakeries charge. Do you have a recipe for chocolate chip muffins?

Alexis and Sara's Mom, New York City

Dear Mom,

I have a wonderful recipe for Double Chocolate Chip Muffins that I was given by a dear friend from Minnesota. Enjoy! — *Annie*

Good old B-1 is, as far as I am concerned, "The Leading Lady." I got that idea from a great uncle who was a well-known Bingo caller in southern Illinois. I think I've mentioned B-1 before.

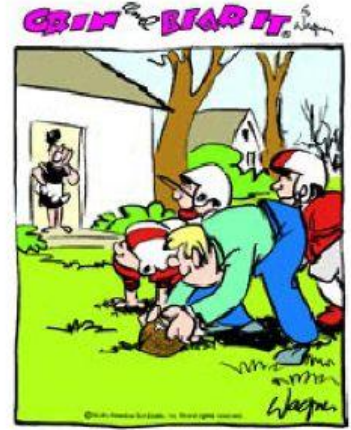
Of course, N-32 is "the freezer." G-47 is, for me, "the birthday ball," since I was born in 1947. I have nicknamed B-4 as the "history ball." That's because history is what came "B-4" the current time.

Just a few more: N-39 is the Jack Benny Ball. (Think about that one). O-65 is the Retirement Ball. Finally, I had a friend who, every time B-9 was called, he would yell, "Be nice!"

By the way, this same guy—let's call him Nicky—had a rare knack of being able to predict the numbers before the balls were turned around on camera. I think I mentioned him in a column a long time ago. I finally realized that many of the balls needed cleaning and were rather recognizable, almost as if they were "marked." Once a new set of balls replaced the old ones, he no longer had ESP when it came to the numbers.

Back to my numbers game. I remember that years ago I went nuts trying to come up with funny names for each and every number. I vaguely remember having a Kate Smith ball and a ball named for Guy Lombardo.

But, in the long run, any number can be the BEST number of all...IF you WIN on that number...and even better if you don't have to share it.



DOUBLE CHOCOLATE CHIP MUFFINS

- 2 cups flour
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Using a 12 standard muffin pan, line with paper muffin inserts. Lightly spray with non-stick oil coating, including the area around each paper muffin insert. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, sugars, baking powder and salt. In a small bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, butter and vanilla. Add the contents of the small bowl to the large bowl and mix until blended. Stir in the chocolate chips. Spoon into the coated paper muffin inserts. Bake for 17 to 20 minutes (until a wooden pick inserted in the center of the muffin comes out clean). Makes 12 muffins.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

★ Atomic bomb tests were a major tourist attraction in Las Vegas during the 1950s.

★ Microplastics aren't an issue only in the world's oceans and ice caps. Researchers have discovered the tiny particles in clouds over Japan's Mount Fuji and Mount Oyama.

★ A study found that students who chewed gum earned better math test scores than those who didn't.

★ Ever wonder why our friends across the pond wish each other a "Happy Christmas" as opposed to Americans' "Merry Christmas"? In the 19th century, the word "merry" also meant intoxicated, so they wanted to separate it from public inebriety.

★ When staying at hotels, guests are more likely to interact with female robots, especially if they have human-like features, than male robots.

★ Next time you're feeling stressed, try reaching for a hunk of chocolate: The sweet's smell increases theta brain waves, which triggers relaxation.

★ In 1987, Marvel Comics celebrated the wedding of Spider-Man, aka Peter Parker, and his red-haired, green-eyed, longtime girlfriend Mary Jane Watson with a grand, live-action ceremony at New York's Shea Stadium. Guests of the happy couple included actors costumed as the Fantastic Four, Captain America and even the Hulk.

★ Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side, while left-handed folks are prone to chewing on their left.

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Flopping a Set

By Jonathan Little

I was recently told about a poker hand that illustrates a situation where many players leave a lot of value on the table. Early in the World Series of Poker Main Event with 85,000 chips at 200/400 blinds, it folded around to the lojack seat who raised to 1,000.

The hijack called and then it folded to me on the button with 5d-5c.

Some players opt to fold small pairs when facing a raise because they realize the flop will often fail to improve their weak pair, but that would be a mistake. Other players re-raise with their pair because it is probably the best hand at the moment, but that would also be a mistake.

You should instead call and see if you improve to three-of-a-kind, and if you do, you can then confidently get lots of money in the pot.

I called, as did the big blind. The flop came 6s-5s-2c. The big blind checked and the lojack bet 6,000 (130% pot) out of their 38,000 stack. The hijack folded and now I had to decide what to do.

When facing an abnormally large bet, always consider what your opponent's

range looks like. In this situation, I thought most players who would use this gigantic bet size (which is far from the game theory optimal strategy) most likely had a hand they thought was strong that they were trying to protect from being outdrawn. While this is a decent reason to raise and try to get them all-in immediately, I was concerned that they may be able to make a big fold in order to continue playing the WSOP Main Event.

I called and the big blind folded. The turn was the (6s-5s-2c)- 2d and the lojack checked.

Perhaps my read that my opponent had a strong hand was not accurate, but I should still bet to try to get their 32,000 remaining stack into the pot by the river.

I bet 8,000 and my opponent quickly called. The river was the (6s-5s-2c-2d)- 8h and the lojack checked again. The pot is currently 32,600 and the lojack has 24,000 in their stack.

At this point, some players bet small, hoping to ensure the opponent calls, but that would be a mistake since I still thought it was likely my opponent had a decently strong hand like an overpair. In the Main Event though, going all-in could be a blunder because many players will make a big fold to preserve their tournament life.

I decided to bet 20,000, leaving my opponent with 4,000 if they called. After much deliberation, my opponent called with K-K, awarding me a nice pot. While I may have left 4,000 chips on the table, I think in this situation that my opponent would have likely made a big fold if I forced them to put all their chips in the pot.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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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.

KOVELS
Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Q: I have too many antiques and vintage objects from the early 1900s and middle 1800s that have been left to me from family. My children (all married with children) have no desire for any of my antiques or vintage collection, which includes dishes, silverware, toys, books, blanket boxes (1800s) and multiple objects that are collectors' dreams. How do I find buyers who will want them?

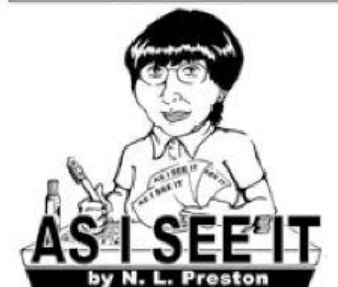
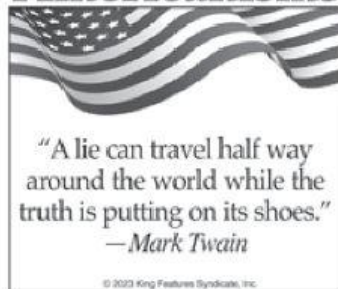
A: Many people face this dilemma. My biggest piece of advice is, first and foremost, don't just donate everything or have a big garage sale! You could be letting valuable items (and money) slip through your fingers. Going through your collection will take time and effort, as well as help from some experts in furniture, toys and other collectibles. Your first step is looking over the Kovels guide to downsizing, located in the "How to Buy or Sell" section of Kovels.com. Good luck!

TIP: Silver jewelry should be kept in an anti-tamish bag, often the bag it came in, when you are not wearing it.

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Americanisms



Z New Year

A zombie outbreak could be avoided if dead people were buried with their shoelaces tied together. -pinterest.com

January 1st is New Year's Day but is also Z Day. When I saw it mentioned somewhere, the first thing that came to mind was that it was meant to celebrate all things zombie as in the recent plethora of zombie movies, books, and TV shows. I love all things zombie; two favorites being the movies *Night of the Living Dead* and *World War Z*. *Night of the Living Dead* came out in 1968 and introduced flesh-eating ghouls that became synonymous with the term zombie. The story follows seven people in rural Pennsylvania who are trapped in a farmhouse under assault by slow moving reanimated corpses. *World War Z* was released in 2013 and stars Brad Pitt as a handsome hero hunk who saves our world from hordes of hungry flesh eaters.

However, much to my surprise, I discovered that Z Day on the first day of January is not about the walking dead, but instead gives recognition to all persons, places, and things that begin with the letter Z. Alphabetical order is reversed and those whose names begin with the letter Z come first in all matters of alphabet sequence; letters at the front of the alphabet go last. So, if your name is Zelda, Zeke, Zia, etc. this is your opportunity to go to the front of the line.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Who isn't talking about Barbra Streisand's memoir *My Name Is Barbra*? After doing a slew of interviews, many taped at her home in California, she revealed Judy Garland's advice to her: "Don't let them do to you what they did to me!" But what you won't read in her book was when I first met her; she was co-starring with Elliot Gould (who would then become her future husband) in *I Can Get It for You Wholesale* on Broadway. I asked her to take a photo, and she said, "I look a mess!"

You also won't read about the night Elliot assaulted me while protecting his wife from being photographed at the premiere of Steve McQueen's film *Bullitt* (1968). Barbra was removed from my lawsuit because she hadn't physically assaulted me, but still, I won two battery judgments against Elliot. There was also the time she killed my *Cosmopolitan* magazine cover for spite because of my lawsuit. Elliot apologized eventually. Still, I have loved, and will always love, her golden voice.

Word that *Young Sheldon* is ending after seven seasons has upset fans, until word also came that Chuck Lorre, producer of *The Big Bang Theory*, might develop a possible spin-off for the Max streaming service. Speculation is that the reboot could center around entirely new characters, the children of Sheldon and Amy and Howard and Bernadette, which would leave the door open for guest appearances or supporting roles for the original *Big Bang Theory* characters. This was successfully done in the reboot of *That '70s Show*.

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Many years ago, the letter Z was removed from the alphabet because it was considered useless, but thankfully, it was later reinstated so Zelda, Zeke, and Zia aren't named Elda, Eke, and Ia. I suggest you celebrate Z Day by treating any friends/family who have Z-names s to Bingo and hopefully start your or their 2024 on a lucky winning streak.

As for the rest of 2024, there are a few things you can do to attract good luck and surround yourself with good fortune. Start by filling a bowl with coins, crystals, lottery tickets, and other indicators of wealth. Place the bowl in the southeast corner of your house and await the goodness that comes your way. Next, you need a three-legged toad with a coin in its mouth; an artificial toad, not a real one of course. These toads are readily available online and you should hang the fake toad near your home's entrance to invite good luck inside.

Last but not least, whatever your circumstances, be grateful. Be thankful for what you already have in your life, including family and friends. Count your blessings and visualize more abundance in all areas of your life. Expect good things to happen and do not dwell on negatives. Doing so will bring calm to your soul and peace into your heart.

One last thought to ponder. January 31 is National Sdrawkcbay Day, translated National Backwards Day. Wouldn't it be a good idea to celebrate Z Day as well on January 31 or vice versa, celebrate Backwards Day on January 1? On Backwards Day we are to do everything backwards like wearing our clothes that way; similar to the idea of Z Day, so celebrate both together. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. My contact is nlprzw6172@gmail.com. Final Fun Fact: Penguins cannot walk backwards. Neither can I, and do well to walk forward most days. LOL.

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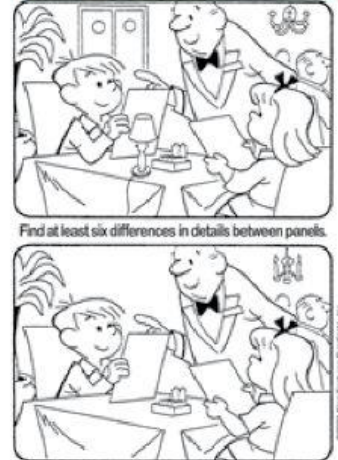
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 17 "Eureka!"
 18 Hollywood
 19 Verbal abuse
 20 Skeletal
 21 Picnic invaders
 22 Laugh-a-minute
 23 Carnival city
 24 Hearty quaff
 25 Firmament
 26 Hatful
 27 Inmate
 28 Snapshots
 29 Baseball position (Abbr.)
 30 Not working
 31 Bleak, in
 32 Hollywood
 33 Verbal abuse
 34 Skeletal
 35 Picnic invaders
 36 Laugh-a-minute
 37 Carnival city

HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

SCRABLERS

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

Throng **RHODE**
 Proof **CRATE**
 Lark **INACT**
 Vision **GAMIE**

TODAY'S WORD

"Do you have a _____? This may take a while!"

SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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!

JUMBLE

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

WARBN
TAYES
SOLENS
DRAIZL

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app.

THE PREGNANT WOMAN WOULD NEED TO LEAVE THE COOKOUT QUICKLY... IT WAS _____

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

Print your answer here: ○○○○○○ ○○○○○○

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

AK TGS UREPPT VEMF FG BG
 JGORFNAMX, TGS'PP KAMB E
 VET, AK TGS BGM'F, TGS'PP
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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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

1. Juicy citrus	O _ _ _ _ _	Farm cooperative	G _ _ _ _ _
2. July or February	_ _ N _ _ _	Cave opening	_ _ U _ _ _
3. Decanter	_ O _ _ _ _	Bulge or Gettysburg	_ A _ _ _ _
4. Rock 'n' roll king	_ _ V _ _ _	New York island	_ _ L _ _ _
5. Not as speedy	S _ _ _ _ _	Rose or tulip	F _ _ _ _ _
6. Reason	_ _ _ _ T _	Give permission	_ _ _ W _ _
7. Sudden light burst	_ _ A _ _ _	Poker hand	_ _ U _ _ _
8. Loose coins	_ _ _ G _ _	Monopoly game card	_ _ _ C _ _
9. Happy, like St. Nick	J _ _ _ _ _	Pet parrot's name	P _ _ _ _ _
10. Brutal one	_ _ E _ _ _	Be vainglorious	_ _ O _ _ _

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

	-		x		28
-		x		x	
	x		+		30
x		+		-	19
	+		+		25
25	15	30			

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

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: K equals L

M DHFKUW'O OBMWV HS OBA
 WGZA HS G SGZMKMGI NGQMD
 DBAZMDGK QFNQOGWDA. M BGU
 GW AKAZAWOGK NKHDV.

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The Garden Bug

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Frankincense

Sources: www.medicalnewstoday.com, thetruthaboutcancer.com, wikipedia

SNOWFLAKES
 by Japheth Light

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

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

FEAR & KNOT
 answer

	A				
S	I	B		P	A
P	L			I	A
B	A	L	E	A	S
T	S			B	
P	E	W	T	E	R
	I			U	
L	E	A	P	T	
T					

Boggle BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

DONOG
AIREC
KMHOO
SALOD
DIFAR

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 We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?
 Find AT LEAST SIX U.S. STATES in the grid of letters.

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

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

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

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

- | | | | |
|-------------|----------|---------|-------|
| After | Down | Free | Meat |
| Bear | Emerging | Futures | Money |
| Bull | Farmer's | Labor | Super |
| Commodities | Food | Mass | |

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WORD LADDERS

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

SEATS

SNOWY

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Commercially-grown cranberries grow in bogs, but cranberries can be grown on dry land. Determine the pH of your garden soil, as cranberries need a soil pH of less than 5; also, make sure you have very well-draining soil. Cranberry plants need about three months of temps in the 32°–45°F. range to trigger a dormant phase. Fruit of the cranberry plants may appear the year after planting, but more likely the second year depending on the number of pollinators visiting your plantings. —Brenda Weaver

Source: www.gardeningknowhow.com

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A ₁	E ₁	L ₁	R ₁	V ₄	T ₁	N ₁		
A ₁	U ₁	Y ₄	C ₃	N ₁	N ₁	F ₄		
A ₁	I ₁	C ₃	N ₁	T ₁	S ₁	R ₁		

PAR SCORE 260-270 FIVE RACK TOTAL _____
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 DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.
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Micro Crossword By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across
 1 Grand _____ (Pontiac models)
 4 Results of a close shave?
 7 "All I want is _____ somewhere ..."
 8 Greta of "Ninotchka"
 9 Hosp. scan

1	2	3			
4			5	6	
7					
8					
		9			

Down
 1 Scrambled wd.
 2 "Monsoon Wedding" director Nair
 3 Choir leader's reference
 5 Basketball legend Bryant
 6 Metropolitan haze

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Bad Behavior at Bingo

Hi Readers:
 Previous letters in this column from players who were bullied or accused of cheating because they were winners resulted in quite a few others writing in to share similar stories. Two of these letters follow. If you've experienced this yourself, please tell us about it at: Guy's Turn, P.O. Box 527, Vashon WA 98070. —Guy

Hi Guy,
 You ran a letter from a Bingo player who was suspected by his fellow players of somehow cheating because he had a series of wins. I witnessed something quite similar, when a group of jealous players "went after" a young woman who Binged three times at the same hall over two weeks (two Tuesday nights).

Her wins weren't big—I think it was less than \$300 total—but a table of regulars was beside themselves that she was apparently taking "their" money.
 One of the women did this fake cough thing where she coughed very loudly as she said the word "cheat," then did it a second time with the word "cow." Other players sitting around her grinned and laughed quietly at these antics.

I was truly shocked that people would behave this way, motivated, I am sure, by jealousy and envy. Their behavior did not

go unnoticed by the winner it was directed toward, either. But she took the high road and ignored their taunts and gave a big smile when she received her payout.

You should also know that there were other people in the hall that night that did not go along with the "mean girls" and were clearly unhappy with how they behaved.

Several of us had a word with the person in charge after Bingo ended. He said that he hadn't been aware of what happened, thanked us for bringing it to his attention and promised to monitor it in the future.

—L.G. California

Hi Guy,
 Thank you for running the letter from the winner who was harassed by other players. I have seen this time and time again at Bingo... not necessarily that a winner was thought to be cheating, but just because they won a pot that someone else was close to winning.

The worst behavior I ever saw was a woman who threw a grand tantrum during the last game of the session, when someone else won the final coverall. I kid you not: She slammed her hands on the table, yelled a four-letter word three times, stood up and kicked her chair, scooped up her Bingo paper and tore it to shreds, then grabbed her coat and Bingo things and stormed across the Bingo hall and out the door—making sure to pass by the winner on her way out and throwing her crumpled Bingo paper toward her.

The entire room of people watched this whole performance in silent shock!

I heard later that this same woman showed up again the following week. Fortunately, the Bingo hall took action and banned her from the games.

One of my friends who was there said the woman—who we nicknamed Tantrumella—acted all surprised and insulted that she was banned, but at least didn't make a scene.
 —Shocked and Amazed in Nevada



The Right Bank for Your Needs

Even with so many banking options available today, finding the one that fits your needs can be simple. The right bank should be more than a place where you keep your money; it should offer benefits and services that grow with you.

When it comes to finding the right bank, here are common financial scenarios you might consider.

If you're a perk lover: The best checking accounts now offer great everyday benefits such as no overdraft fees. Some banks, like Citi, take these benefits a step further. The bank's Relationship Tiers—Citi Priority, Citigold® and Citigold® Private Client—reward you based on the amount of funds you keep in your eligible deposit and investment accounts. Think of it as the airline loyalty program for banking: as your balance grows, so do your benefits, including no monthly service fees, access to financial planning guidance, and more.

If you're the entrepreneurial type: Plenty of banks waive monthly service fees with a direct deposit each month. At least one bank will waive these fees even without a traditional paycheck. Citi will waive the monthly service fee on your personal checking account when you receive \$250 or more in deposits made via Zelle and other peer-to-peer payments when made via ACH using providers such as Venmo or PayPal.

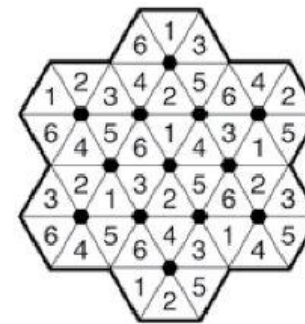
If you prefer in-person banking: Even in today's digital world, speaking with a real person can help change your money mindset for the better. If you prefer face-to-face advice for complex financial matters such as taking out a mortgage or funding a small business, a national bank with welcoming branch locations might be the better choice over a bank that offers online-only services.

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SNOWFLAKES

solution



CryptoQuip answer

I couldn't think of the name of a familiar basic chemical substance. I had an elemental block.



By Russell Myers

BROOM-HILDA



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Dale C. and wife, Lolita C. of North Carolina were vacationing in style sporting their best Golden Knights outfits! Lolita says, "When I'm in town I always locate a Bingo Bugle. It's my bible!"

Go Figure!

8	-	1	x	4	28
-		x		x	
3	x	7	+	9	30
x		+		-	
5	+	8	+	6	19
25		15		30	

Boggle BrainBusters Answers:

OHIO MAINE OREGON
 ALASKA FLORIDA
 COLORADO

Even Exchange answers

- Orange, Grange
- Month, Mouth
- Bottle, Battle
- Elvis, Ellis
- Slower, Flower
- Allot, Allow
- Flash, Flush
- Change, Chance
- Jolly, Polly
- Beast, Boast

FLASHBOARD NUMBERS

B: 01 02 08 10 11
 I: 20 22 24 26 27
 N: 33 35 38 41 44
 G: 50 51 54 55 58
 O: 61 62 64 67 74

Casino Q&A

Q: A player I know claims he can tell when a slot machine is about to hit by watching the reels for patterns. Is this possible?

A: No. Each spin of the reels is completely independent of every other spin. So, whatever happened on the last dozen or so spins will have absolutely nothing to do with what's going to happen when you make the next spin.

The only purpose the reels serve is to display the winning or losing symbol combination the slot's computer program has chosen. They have no effect on the outcome. Looking for a pattern on a slot machine is like looking for a pattern at Bingo or at the dice table.

Q: Is there really a secret to slot playing?

A: Yes. The true secret to slot playing is to make your bankroll and playing time last as long as possible. The longer you can make your bankroll and playing time last, the better your chances of hitting a hot streak and winning something. Always playing with the top jackpot as your goal is unrealistic. You just lose faster.

A casino magazine poll of slot players revealed that 72% of the respondents bet max coin all times. But if you don't like or can't afford to bet max coin all the time, here are two suggestions:

Two-coin slot: Use a 1-2-coin pattern (1 coin, 1 spin; 2 coins, 1 spin). Or create a betting pattern of your own (e.g., 2-1, 2-2, 2-2, 1-2, etc.). This gives you a 50-50 chance at the top prize if you hit.

Three-coin slot: Use a 1-2-3 coin pattern (1 coin, 1 spin; 2 coins, 1 spin; 3 coins, 1 spin). Or create a betting pattern of your own (e.g., 1-2-1, 2-2-3, 3-3-3, 1-3-3, etc.).

It may be heartbreaking to miss out on the top prize by not betting max coin. But don't focus on what you could have won, but how lucky you were to have won something at all. Remember: any win in a casino is a good win.

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 UP TO TRIPLE PAY GAMES

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Veterans Post



Veterans Legacy Memorial Expanded

The Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM) website now contains the names of 10 million veterans who are buried across the country. Those locations include the national cemeteries, DOD cemeteries, National Park Service national cemeteries, and now civilian and non-VA cemeteries are also included.

Earlier this year the site indicated that only veterans would be listed, not their spouses. However, I've just now found the mother of a good friend; she is buried with her veteran husband at Arlington National.

Veterans Legacy Memorial website (vlm.cem.va.gov) is quite an undertaking. Each veteran has an individual page that includes a bio with branch of service, dates of birth and death, war period, rank, decorations and more. Family and friends can upload stories, photos and historical documents.

Not all cemeteries and veterans have been covered yet. I'm unable to find one uncle, perhaps because he's in a very small cemetery in a very rural area. I have hope that he'll eventually be included.

Do you qualify for burial in a national veterans cemetery? You can apply for pre-need approval, if you wish. (va.gov/burials-memorials and click on "Eligibility.") You'll need several documents to send with your application, such as DD-214. Chose a VA national cemetery. Call 800-535-1117 if you need help with the paperwork.

Then, with the future comfort of your family and friends in mind, go the extra mile and gather up a few things you'd like to see on your eventual memorial page, perhaps a special photo or a story from your past. Include a note that points to the Follow a Veteran alert, which can tell your family and friends when something has been added to your listing. Add in this number — 866-245-1490 — for help with uploading photos to the site.



Test Your Knowledge

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the captain in *The Love Boat*?
- MOVIES: What is E.T.'s favorite candy in *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is Hungary's national spice?
- ADVERTISING: Which company's mascot is Elsie the Cow?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called phobophobia?
- GAMES: How many pawns are on a chessboard?
- SCIENCE: What is the name of the giant land mass that is believed to have existed on Earth 200 million years ago?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes is southernmost?
- LANGUAGE: What is an octothorpe?
- LITERATURE: Where are the novels *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* set?

ANSWERS

- Capt. Merrill Stubing.
- Reese's Pieces.
- Paprika.
- Borden Dairy Company.
- Fear of wealth.
- 16, eight pawns for each player.
- Pangea.
- Lake Erie.
- A hashtag or pound sign.
- Missouri.

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SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION									
R ₁	A ₁	D ₂	I ₁	O ₁	E ₁	D ₂	RACK 1 =	<u>59</u>	
I ₁	N ₁	E ₁	X ₀	A ₁	C ₃	T ₁	RACK 2 =	<u>98</u>	
V ₄	E ₁	N ₁	T ₁	R ₁	A ₁	L ₁	RACK 3 =	<u>60</u>	
U ₁	N ₁	F ₄	A ₁	N ₁	C ₃	Y ₄	RACK 4 =	<u>69</u>	
N ₁	A ₁	R ₁	C ₃	I ₁	S ₁	T ₁	RACK 5 =	<u>59</u>	
PAR SCORE 260-270							TOTAL	<u>345</u>	



This winning family knows how to have a good time! All the way from Oahu, HI to celebrate and try their luck in Viva Las Vegas at Plaza

Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

How Incentive Trust Can Influence Heirs

Dear Savvy Senior,

What can you tell me about creating an incentive trust? I have an adult son and daughter that are both financially inept. Before I die, I want to put some type of requirements in place that they will need to follow in order to receive their portion of my estate.

—Frustrated Father

Dear Frustrated,

If you want to influence your heirs even after you're gone, an incentive trust is definitely an option to consider, but be careful how you construct it because it can cause unintended, unfair consequences. Here's how it works, along with some tips to help you create one.

Incentive Trusts Basics

An incentive trust is an estate-planning tool designed to help encourage your heirs in a direction you desire when you're no longer around.

With an incentive trust, some or all of your assets are passed to your trust when you die rather than directly to your heirs. Your trustee is empowered to distribute funds from the trust only if and when your beneficiaries do whatever it is you have specified in the trust.

For example, an incentive trust might encourage a beneficiary to graduate from college, enter a particular profession, get married or even have children. They could also reward beneficiaries who do charitable work or supplement the incomes of those who choose low paying, yet meaningful careers like teaching or social work. Or they could penalize beneficiaries who don't work by cutting off or decreasing distributions or placing restrictions on heirs with addictions by requiring that payments go directly to rehab centers.

But be aware that these types of trusts can also have drawbacks. A poorly constructed incentive trust can have a high risk of unintended consequences. For example, if your trust provides a financial incentive for your children to be employed full-time, but one of them gets sick or seriously injured in a car accident and can't work, they would be punished unfairly.

You also need to know that incentive trusts aren't cheap. You can expect to pay an attorney \$2,500 to \$5,000 to draft one.

There are also legal limits on what you can do with an incentive trust. While state laws vary, incentive trusts that encourage a beneficiary to join or leave a particular religion, or leave a spouse or not marry at all, can be challenged in court and possibly struck down.

How to Create One

To create a solid incentive trust that accomplishes what you envision, you need to hire an estate-planning attorney who will include precise instructions that clearly spells out your wishes. You'll also want to include language granting your trustee the right to use his or her discretion and that the trustee's decisions should be final and binding.

This allows your trustee to make common sense rulings, which will reduce or eliminate the chances of unintended and unfair consequences. It also makes it very difficult for beneficiaries to successfully challenge the trust or trustee in court. When a trust grants final decision-making authority to its trustee, it becomes almost impossible for beneficiaries to successfully argue that this trustee is not correctly implementing the trust's terms.

The key is to select a trustee who's smart enough to interpret your intent and has sufficient backbone to stand up to beneficiaries when necessary. You also need to select a successor trustee too if your first choice can no longer serve. Fees paid to a trustee vary widely depending on the state's fee schedules, the size and complexity of the trust, and conditions laid out in the trust.

To find an experienced attorney in your area to help you create an incentive trust, see the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (naela.org) and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (actec.org).

STICKELERS (sic)

by Terry Stickels

How many anagrams can you find for each of the words below? We found 14 total for all four words. Are there more?

- praised
- garden
- pores
- arrest

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Micro Crossword

Answer

A	M	S		
N	I	C	K	S
A	R	O	O	M
G	A	R	B	O
		E	E	G

— MARKET

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Books as Brain Food

Now here's a "novel" way to increase our brain function. It doesn't involve getting more exercise or eating certain foods. It doesn't include doing puzzles. We only need to grab a book and start flipping pages.

Emory University did a study that showed how there are "quantifiable changes" in brain activity when participants read a book. Granted, it was a bit more regimented than just grabbing your favorite author's latest bestseller.

In the study, participants were given a baseline brain scan each day for a few days. Then they were given the thriller *Pompeii* by Robert Harris with instructions to read 30 pages a night. Each morning they were given another brain scan. After the book was finished (about nine days), they were given more scans to see how the brain reacted. Researchers were able to track which portions of the book the participants were reading and correlate them to the brain scan images.

Here's what they learned: During reading, and for days afterward, there were significant activity increases in the parts of the brain associated with story comprehension, as well as processing language.

According to the study, the reading has to be fiction to get these brain connectivity changes, something with a narrative that describes events unfolding, and a story we can identify with.

Here's my thinking: While researchers don't know yet how long these brain changes last after reading a novel, it's at least five days. Perhaps we should spend some time in 2024 re-reading the novels that had an impact on us, as well as new narrative fiction and a few of the old classics. The reference librarian is sure to be a good source for book suggestions.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

★ Atomic bomb tests were a major tourist attraction in Las Vegas during the 1950s.

★ Microplastics aren't an issue only in the world's oceans and ice caps. Researchers have discovered the tiny particles in clouds over Japan's Mount Fuji and Mount Oyama.

★ A study found that students who chewed gum earned better math test scores than those who didn't.

★ Ever wonder why our friends across the pond wish each other a "Happy Christmas" as opposed to Americans' "Merry Christmas"? In the 19th century, the word "merry" also meant intoxicated, so they wanted to separate it from public insobriety.

★ When staying at hotels, guests are more likely to interact with female robots, especially if they have human-like features, than male robots.

★ Next time you're feeling stressed, try reaching for a hunk of chocolate: The sweet's smell increases theta brain waves, which triggers relaxation.

★ In 1987, Marvel Comics celebrated the wedding of Spider-Man, aka Peter Parker, and his red-haired, green-eyed, longtime girlfriend Mary Jane Watson with a grand, live-action ceremony at New York's Shea Stadium. Guests of the happy couple included actors costumed as the Fantastic Four, Captain America and even the Hulk.

★ Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side, while left-handed folks are prone to chewing on their left.

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Gaming News

Maine Launches Sports Betting

In November Maine became the 35th state, plus Washington, D.C., where residents can make sports bets. Sports betting was legalized in August 2022, but the rollout was purposefully slow. Maine's four federally recognized tribes have exclusive licenses to run mobile sports betting apps. Caesars Sportsbook will operate its app on behalf of a tribe and DraftKings has an "agreement in principle" with another. Maine's two brick-and-mortar tribal casinos also accept sports bets.

Fontainebleau Open at Last?

Hiring was seriously ramping up at press time as the Fontainebleau team was prepping to finally open their \$3.7 billion, 3,644-room resort. The Fontainebleau was first planned in 2005 but was delayed nearly two decades after the financial meltdown of the Great Recession and multiple ownership changes. Executives estimate a total of 7,100, full and part-time employees will run the resort when fully staffed. The property's design plays up texture and bright blue and gold throughout the building, as seen on a first-look tour with the *Review-Journal*. The simplified bowtie logo—the Florida-based parent company is called Bowtie Hospitality LLC—can be found throughout the public and private spaces. The resort has several nods to its sister property on Miami Beach, such as a lobby bar named after Collins Avenue and pillars throughout the public spaces that reference the Florida hotel. Fontainebleau Las Vegas will have 36 restaurants and bars, and its casino will be among the largest in Las Vegas, trailing behind only Wynn and Encore.

Pondering Casino Plans

Sixty acres of prime real estate sits just southwest of I-94 and 60th Street in Kenosha, Wisconsin. It's the site of a proposed Hard Rock Casino and a source of contention. Elected officials and area residents are torn on the short- and long-term effects of a casino. Kenosha has entertained the idea of building a casino since the 1990s. In 2015, a Kenosha casino was approved at nearly every level only to have then-Governor Scott Walker kill the deal. A new opportunity is back on the table and up for a vote in Kenosha's City Council and Kenosha County Board. In November 2023, city officials deferred the vote on an intergovernmental agreement with the Menomonee Tribe's gaming authority until Jan. 3, 2024.

Biloxi Buffet Transforms

A multimillion-dollar remake of The Buffet at Beau Rivage Resort & Casino in Biloxi debuted Thanksgiving Day 2023 with a new look and more than 30 new dishes on the menu. Most everything is new, from the serving counters down to the carpeting and wood plank flooring. Among the biggest changes is the addition of live cooking stations that make the buffet custom to each customer's taste. A new waffle station and omelets made to order are among the specialties for breakfast. The new Mongolian Grill turns out customized Asian entrees, and the buffet has create-your-own pasta station, the carving board and the brick oven station with gourmet pizza. New food options include Cajun shrimp Alfredo, deep fried Cajun catfish and other coastal cuisine. Back on the menu are Southern favorites like seafood gumbo, crawfish etouffee and jambalaya. Saturday is seafood night, when the buffet will be loaded with fried catfish, crab cakes, shrimp, fried oysters, oysters Rockefeller, fruits of the sea, lobster ravioli, stuffed crab and more.





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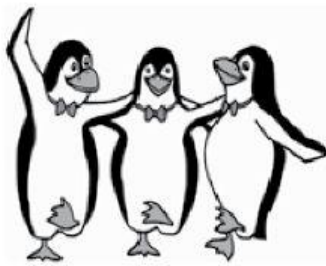
top ten

HAPPIEST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD

1. Finland
2. Iceland
3. Denmark
4. Switzerland
5. Netherlands
6. Sweden
7. Germany
8. Norway
9. New Zealand
10. Austria

Source: 2021 World Happiness Report

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WORD LADDER

Answer
SEATS, SLATS, SLOTS,
SLOWS, SNOWS, SNOWY

DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond

Quick Chicken Enchilada Casserole

Make two cozy, comforting casseroles and freeze one for later.

You know what we need? We need a recipe for an easy, comforting, home-cooked meal the whole family will love that doesn't break the bank.

Today I'm sharing a recipe that's a true gem; a Chicken Enchilada Verde Casserole that's not only easy on the wallet but also on your precious time. This is your ticket to a cozy, heartwarming dinner with a recipe that easily doubles so you can make one for dinner tonight and stash the second in the freezer for a zero-effort dinner when you are too tired from all the fun to cook.

Please note this is enchilada casserole, not enchiladas. I find layering like lasagna is faster and easier to prepare and serve than rolled enchiladas. But if you have the time, use this recipe to roll enchiladas to your heart's content.

This recipe calls for corn tortillas, but you could use flour tortillas if that's what you have. I love the way corn tortillas absorb the sauce and become almost fluffy. Besides, if you buy a package of 30 corn tortillas, you have enough to double this recipe.



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5. Pink Ivory Wood
6. Bubinga
7. Purpleheart
8. Ebony
9. Bocote
10. Brazilian Rosewood

Source: Teakmaster.com

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CHICKEN ENCHILADA VERDE CASSEROLE

Yield: 6 to 8 servings
Total Time: 45 minutes

- 1 (28 ounce) can green chile enchilada sauce, divided
 - 1 cup sour cream
 - 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 - 1 teaspoon ground chile powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
 - 2 to 3 cups cooked chicken, shredded or chopped
 - 1 (15 ounce) can pinto beans, drained
 - 15 yellow corn tortillas, cut in half
 - 3 cups Mexican cheese blend, shredded
- Optional Garnish: onions, cilantro, avocado, tomatoes, sour cream and tortilla chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees with the rack in the middle position. Grease a 9-by-13-inch pan, then pour 1 cup of enchilada sauce and spread around the bottom. Set it aside.

In a mixing bowl, whisk together 1 cup enchilada sauce, sour cream, cumin, chile powder, salt and pepper. Add the shredded chicken and pinto beans, then stir to combine.

In the 9-by-13 pan, place 9 tortilla halves on top of the enchilada sauce. Placing the cut sides along the sides of the pan offers better coverage for layering.

Spread half of the chicken mixture on top of the tortillas. Evenly distribute 1 cup of cheese over the chicken mixture.

Place another layer of 9 tortilla halves followed by the remaining chicken mixture and 1 cup of cheese.

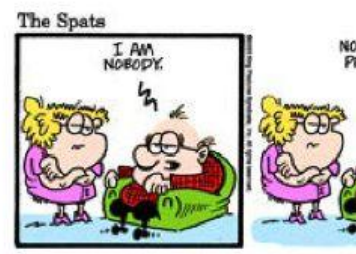
Nevada Happenings

Say it Ain't So

The Las Vegas Review-Journal recently reported that the last of the great bargain casinos in southern Nevada, Emerald Island and the Rainbow Club in downtown Henderson, are being sold. Emerald Island has been owned by the Brooks brothers, Mike and Tim, since 2003 and the Rainbow Club since 2020 and the two are beloved among Henderson locals for their dizzying array of comps, contests, giveaways, and promotions, plus *Cheer*-type customer service and a decidedly hands-on Tim Brooks, who says he spends 75% of his time on the casino floor and knows 1,000 regular customers by name. The buyer is Las Vegas-based ECL Gaming, which owns and operates multiple historical horse racing venues in Kentucky. In a statement, ECL said it plans to maintain the existing company culture and "add to the guest experience as we continue to expand and grow the properties." Uh-oh. We hate to say it and don't want to jinx it, but in our experience, "enhancing the guest experience" is often code for enhancing the owner/shareholder value. The terms of the deal haven't been disclosed, but the sale is expected to close this January.

Californian Hits Big

A gambler at the Cromwell in Vegas won \$1,155,366 by hitting a Mega Progressive jackpot on Face Up Pai Gow Poker. The California Pai Gow player was in town to attend the Raiders game (they beat the Jets 16-12) and hit the progressive on his second hand at the table. The Cromwell is a Caesar's owned 188-room boutique hotel on the site of the former Bill's Gamblin' Hall & Saloon.



Layer the last tortilla halves on top followed by the remaining enchilada sauce. Top with the last cup of cheese. Bake for 30 minutes, or until it's nice and bubbly. Allow this to rest for 15 minutes before serving. Garnish as desired.

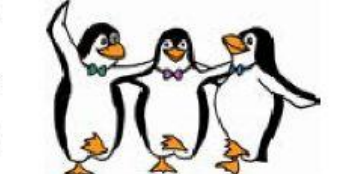
Store leftovers in the fridge for three to four days. Or freeze for up to three months. Thaw overnight in the fridge and reheat in 350 degree oven for 45 minutes when completely thawed.

If you have the budget to add some ingredients to this casserole, you could happily add a can of diced tomatoes with chiles and/or a can of diced green chiles. And no one would be mad at you if you added more cheese.

So whip up this Chicken Enchilada Casserole, savor the flavors of comfort food and take a moment to cherish the warmth it brings to your table. And remember, doubling the recipe can be a lifesaver during these busy times, either for yourself or as a gift for another holiday harried household. Enjoy!

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime - Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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Rio's Food Hall Outlets Announced

We've known for a while that the Rio's beloved Carnival World Buffet has been relegated to the trash heap of history and that it will be replaced by a food hall. A press release yesterday lists six outlets that will grace the newly named Canteen Food Hall: Southland Burrito Company specializing in Sonoran-style (Southwestern) burritos; Shogun Ramen, a partnership between a master ramen chef (with 600 varieties of ramen created) and a Japanese restaurateur; Tony Luke's, a south Philadelphia's cheesesteak chain making its west coast debut; Tender Crush, New York-style chicken tenders; Nama Nama sushii from the creators of Tekka Bar (at the Cosmo); and Attaboy Burger, serving three burgers and a fried bologna sandwich.

Garth Extends, Again

Country superstar Garth Brooks, who announced 18 additional dates for performances at the Colosseum at Caesars in early 2024 following his sold-out performances there this year, has announced 18 new additional dates toward the end of the year. The dates are Sept. 26, 28, and 29; Oct. 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, and 13; and Dec. 5, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 19, 21, and 22.

High-Speed Train Moves Ahead

The federal Surface Transportation Board recently issued a 21-page ruling that authorizes a modified alignment of the track between southern California and Las Vegas, moving the \$12 billion project another step closer to fruition. In its coverage of the ruling, RailwayAge.com reported not seen before numbers: "According to the STB, current plans are to operate 50 trains per day (25 in each direction) between Las Vegas and Rancho Cucamonga; trains will depart from both Las Vegas and Rancho Cucamonga at 45-minute intervals and operate at speeds up to 180 miles per hour."



celebrity extra

by cindy elavsky

Q: Is it true that *Big Little Lies* is returning for another season? Nicole Kidman and Reese Witherspoon are such busy actresses. I hope they have the time to film again and that it's not an all-new cast. —W.S.

A: I agree. Not only are Kidman and Witherspoon busy starring in other films and shows, but they also work behind-the-scenes as producers to help develop other projects. This past January, Kidman joined the cast of *Special Ops: Lioness* on Paramount+, then followed it up with the Netflix series *The Perfect Couple*. She'll also be seen in Netflix's *A Family Affair* in 2024.

Witherspoon produces and co-stars in Apple TV+'s *The Morning Show*. She's also set to reprise her iconic character Elle Woods in the upcoming film *Legally Blonde 3*.

As for HBO's *Big Little Lies*, Kidman recently announced during a press event that they "will be bringing you a third one, just FYI." Nothing else has officially been announced, but I imagine that Witherspoon, Laura Dern and Zoe Kravitz will be reprising their roles.

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ASTROLOGY FORECAST

by Alessandra

Lucky Predictions for January 2024

ARIES: March 21 to April 19
1st thru 6th... Wait and watch
7th thru 12th... RED hot 7th-8thSS
13th thru 18th... Lucky surprise the 17th!
19th thru 24th... Charmed by chance 21st-22ndSS
25th thru 31st... GOLDEN prospects 26th!

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20
1st thru 6th... GREENS huge 1st-2nd!
7th thru 12th... Cash in big 10th-11th!
13th thru 18th... Get it done the 14th!
19th thru 24th... You call the shots 22nd-23rdSS
25th thru 31st... BROWN bags it 27th-28thSS

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21
1st thru 6th... PURPLE paSSion 3rd-4th
7th thru 12th... Hold out 'til the 12th
13th thru 18th... Reel in some cash 17th!
19th thru 24th... Not worth it
25th thru 31st... Lucky ORANGE 26th-27th

CANCER: June 22 to July 22
1st thru 6th... BLUE brings \$\$ 5th-6th
7th thru 12th... Not advised
13th thru 18th... You're on a roll 14th-15th!
19th thru 24th... VIOLET success the 22ndSS
25th thru 31st... Worth your time 28thSS

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22
1st thru 6th... GREEN triumph 3rd-4thSS
7th thru 12th... Travel to win 8th-9th
13th thru 18th... RED card rewards 16th-17thSS!
19th thru 24th... Friend inspired win 22ndSS
25th thru 31st... Spotlight on you 26th-27th!

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22
1st thru 6th... In da money 5th-6thSS
7th thru 12th... Incredible luck the 10th!
13th thru 18th... You see it coming 18th
19th thru 24th... GREEN \$\$ flow 22nd-23rd!
25th thru 31st... Ready to roll 27th-28thSS!

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23
1st thru 6th... PURPLE pays 3rd-4thSS
7th thru 12th... RED for the win 8th-9th!
13th thru 18th... Easy \$ grab 13thSS!
19th thru 24th... GREEN - \$\$ 21st-22nd!
25th thru 31st... Bright horizon 26th!

SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21
1st thru 6th... Starts & ends wonderfully!
7th thru 12th... Sure win 10th-11thSS
13th thru 18th... Per your dream 14th-15thSS!
19th thru 24th... BLUE beckons \$\$ 23rd
25th thru 31st... Got it made the 28thSS

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21
1st thru 6th... Easy wins 3rd-4thSS!
7th thru 12th... Surprises (!) the 8thSS
13th thru 18th... RED is hot the 17th
19th thru 24th... Not now
25th thru 31st... ORANGE fortune 25th-26thSS!

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19
1st thru 6th... You're a natural 5th-6thSS
7th thru 12th... Hard card unbeatable 10th-11th!
13th thru 18th... VIOLET's ultimate 14th-15thSS
19th thru 24th... Step back
25th thru 31st... Best bets 28th-29th!

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18
1st thru 6th... You're ahead 3rd-4th!
7th thru 12th... Lucky ponies 8th-9thSS
13th thru 18th... RED rises above 17thSS
19th thru 24th... GOLDEN win 22ndSS!
25th thru 31st... Up your alley 31st!

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20
1st thru 6th... Best on BLUE 5th-6th!
7th thru 12th... Many chances 10th-11thSS
13th thru 18th... Bring it home 14th-15th!
19th thru 24th... All systems GO the 22nd-23rdSS!
25th thru 31st... Chill

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

PREDICTORS

LUCKY CARD FOR JANUARY 2024

5	17	41	48	72
7	26	40	58	71
13	16	★	49	67
4	28	42	47	64
9	20	31	53	69

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS

JANUARY 2024

1st	New Year's Day
4th	Last Quarter Moon
8th	Bubble Bath Day
11th	New Moon
15th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
18th	First Quarter Moon
21st	Squirrel Appreciation Day
23rd	National Pie Day
25th	Full Moon
27th	Chocolate Cake Day
29th	National Puzzle Day
31st	Backward Day

Star Luck Fortunes

by Frederick Woodruff

Explore more at ASTROINQUIRY.COM

Horoscopes for January 2024

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): The new Moon on the 11th creates tension between your private and public life. A situation with your job requires quick, on-your-toes problem-solving. You may need to substitute one desired outcome for another but be flexible. Compromising will work in your favor. Support arrives through a secret admirer who has your back.
Lucky Days: 8 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 11 - 50

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): Your considerate, sometimes cautious, down-to-earth approach serves you well as the new year progresses. But try to experiment with seeing the world around you with fresh eyes. Think beyond the boundaries of familiar concepts and opinions. Different perspectives are required now.
Lucky Days: 19 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 8 - 5

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): The new year promises new breakthroughs, although the discipline required to bring those about might confound you. Finding new ideas is a lot like prospecting for gold. If you only look in the familiar places, you'll probably find someone else got there first, so explore untried terrain. Luck arrives from around new corners.
Lucky Days: 7 - 18
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 15

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): "Only the most foolish of mice would hide in a cat's ear," said the designer Scott Love, "but only the wisest of cats would think to look there." The moral: Don't skip the obvious. Scan your environment (and imagination) to see what resources are right there in front of you. And then hop in.
Lucky Days: 9 - 30
Lucky Numbers: 46 - 51

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): The new Moon on the 11th brings with it both insight and tumult. And so your new year starts with a bang. This shift will place you on an unfamiliar stage. Rather than rearranging the furniture and props, ask yourself what you can release and do without. The simpler you make your life now, the quicker you'll move toward your desired destination.
Lucky Days: 8 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 43 - 55

PISCES (FEB 20th-MAR 20th): The new year's central theme for you involves discovering the benefits of limitations. Naturally, you prefer having lots of options open to you, but now it's time to do more with less. This can feel uncomfortable at first, but over time you'll be amazed at how your imagination kicks in to solve the most perplexing puzzles.
Lucky Days: 1 - 10
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 42

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Horde 2. Trac 3. Antic 4. Image
Today's Word: CHAIR
JUMBLES: BRAWN YEAST LESSON LIZARD
Answer: The pregnant woman would need to leave the cookout quickly...
It was — LABOR DAY
HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Doors are missing. 2. Elbow is concealed. 3. Lamp is missing. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Light fixture is different. 6. Hair is concealed.
CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse. —Jim Rohn

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): The new year moves you into the world of your unconscious. What seems permanent and fixed is actually in a condition of constant flux. Your nocturnal dreams can help you untangle pressing issues and replenish your life force in surprising ways. Keep a notebook to collect and elaborate on your new insights.
Lucky Days: 16 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 29 - 56

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): The new Moon on the 11th puts you in the hot seat; one part of you wants to honor convention and tradition, while another is itching to upset the apple cart. See if you can strike a balance between these two urges. If forced to decide, choose originality over the stuffy and outworn. Embrace the shock of the new.
Lucky Days: 2 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 24 - 29

SCORPIO (OCT 24th-NOV 22nd): Reversal is a keynote for you in the new year. When you're too focused in one direction, turn around and check out what's behind you. New ideas require seeing your objective from different angles and unique takes. You're guaranteed momentum when you step into another's shoes and see things from their perspective.
Lucky Days: 10 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 2 - 35

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23rd-DEC 21st): Nothing is more limiting than an idea when it is the only one you have. The new year requires diversification married to persistence. This combination will create the headway you desire. Ask yourself: What good ideas are below the surface? Or, what is the *second* right answer? Allow your imagination to turn like a kaleidoscope.
Lucky Days: 19 - 25
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 11

CAPRICORN (DEC 22nd-JAN 20th): The year starts with a powerful new Moon in your sign. This is a cosmic infusion that will recharge all of your batteries. To optimize this creative phase, ask yourself what you can relinquish. What unnecessary assumptions can you eliminate? A new influx of energy means cleansing the channels that will guide it.
Lucky Days: 7 - 15
Lucky Numbers: 28 - 60

AQUARIUS (JAN 21st-FEB 19th): Take a chance and disrupt the routines you're accustomed to. There's tension building between innovation and the safety of the familiar. Work on clarifying your intentions, and most importantly, get rid of excuses. Repeating them will hold you back. Say Ben Franklin, "He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else."
Lucky Days: 9 - 27
Lucky Numbers: 40 - 58

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Forgotten Foods from Your Childhood (or maybe your parents' childhood)

my childhood I rather miss.

--The "Lady's Special" dinner plate. There are variants, but this was typically found at a diner and consisted of a ground beef patty, tomatoes, cottage cheese and a spoonful of some sort of canned fruit. I also enjoyed the tuna salad stuffed tomato on occasion.

--Pineapple upside-down cake. This was my father's favorite cake. I made it often, not just for his birthday or special occasion. This became easier with boxed cake mix. I haven't baked or eaten any since his passing. Maybe it's time to make it again.

--Canned chicken chow mein. It's not that I miss this recipe as much as I miss my mom making it for us kids. She would improve it by adding extra chicken and making sure we had plenty of those delightful crunchy noodles (also from a can).

--Jell-O salads. My favorites were the green ones. Either the lime Jell-O salad with cottage cheese, pineapple and chopped nuts, or the "Watergate salad" with pistachio pudding mix, pineapple, mini marshmallows and chopped nuts. I should have made one of these during the holidays. I would probably be the only one eating it, which is not a bad thing. Next year for sure.

--Homemade Chex Mix. It's just so easy to pick up a bag, whether it's Chex Mix or another brand. I believe the best was the one you made in a large roasting pan and cooked in the oven. We would customize it. Mixed nuts might be swapped for cashews, pecans, or fancier peanuts. No one liked the harder Wheat Chex, so we would substitute that ingredient with another box of Corn Chex. Pretzels could be changed or eliminated—a lot of options to make it how YOU like it.

Well, I'm hungry now. I think I'll put pistachio pudding and mini marshmallows on the shopping list, and just maybe some Chex cereals.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM MY HOME TO YOURS!

Lucky Lotto News

Two Wins in One Week
 Lady Luck was on one Virginia woman's side—not once, but twice this past October. Gloucester resident Jennifer Minton won \$50,000 playing the Virginia Lottery's Safari Quest online game in mid-October. Little did she know that one week later, she'd be winning again—but this time the nearly \$1 million jackpot, lottery officials said. Minton told lottery officials that she had been sitting around a campfire, playing the same game on her mobile device, when she noticed the jackpot reset. She said that she recalled thinking in the moment, "Dang, somebody just hit. They are so lucky!" However, she soon realized that the jackpot of \$912,936 was visible on her own screen and that she had indeed been the lucky someone who won it. "I'm in shock!" she told lottery officials about the win. "I'm in disbelief!" Safari Quest is one of the games available via the Virginia Lottery's app, in which people must match symbols on a 5 x 3 grid. If they receive three bonus symbols, they can activate the bonus wheel where they could win a progressive jackpot. The case of lightning striking twice is a little less common when it comes to lottery games played on an app compared to the classic way of buying a lottery ticket. Several people have won multiple jackpots over the years by buying lottery tickets with the same ticket number.

Big Win in Washington
 A single winning ticket for a \$754.6 million Powerball jackpot was sold at a department

store in a Seattle suburb in late 2023 Washington state lottery officials announced. The winning numbers drawn were 5, 11, 22, 23, 69 and the Powerball 7. The winning ticket was bought at a Fred Meyer store in Auburn, about 30 miles south of Seattle, lottery officials said. The store will receive a \$50,000 bonus. The winner had not yet come forward at press time. It's the second time a Powerball jackpot ticket was sold in Washington state, and both tickets were purchased in Auburn. The first was a \$90 million jackpot in 2014.

Maine Mega Winner Files Suit
 A man who won one of the largest lottery payments in U.S. history has filed a federal lawsuit against the mother of his child in an attempt to keep his identity concealed. The man won a \$1.35 billion Mega Millions jackpot in early 2023 after purchasing a lottery ticket at a gas station in Lebanon, Maine. He has sued his child's mother in U.S. District Court in Portland with a complaint that she violated a nondisclosure agreement by "directly or indirectly disclosing protected subject matter" about his winnings, court papers state. The court papers state that the defendant in the case disclosed the information to the winner's father and stepmother. Both the winner and the defendant in the case are identified only by pseudonyms. The complaint states that the winner and the defendant entered into the nondisclosure agreement shortly after the purchase of the winning ticket. The lawsuit states that the winner is seeking an injunction from a judge and at least \$100,000 in damages.





Sisters, Juliet S. and Alicia M. were excited to play bingo at Plaza Casino



Robert L. was a big winner before at Arizona Charlie's and back in action, winning \$450 at another successful bingo session!



* On internet memes, they call them "life hacks," simple tricks to save you perhaps time, money or simply frustration. Here's mine: Place a bowl near your entryway. Place your keys in the bowl when you come home. They stay there until you leave. No more lost keys. Now more life hacks for your tip file. — Jo Ann

* Put a dryer fabric softener sheet on the back of a fan. It sticks and will distribute a fresh scent through your room. — T.I. via email

* Put an apple in the potato bag to keep them from growing buds. Check often. — E.W. in Oregon

* Sharpen your scissors by cutting through aluminum foil. All you have to do is fold a piece over on itself and use your dull scissors to cut strips.

* Store popcorn in the refrigerator. You will have less unpopped kernels, because the cold temperature makes them heat more evenly. — W.A. in Massachusetts

* Got chewing gum stuck in your hair? Rub with a spoonful of peanut butter. Massage into the gum-stuck hair. The oil in the peanut butter breaks down the gum, and you then can comb it out or wash out residue once you pick away the globs. How about on your clothes? Remove the garment and stick it in the freezer for several hours. The gum hardens, and you can literally peel it off in chunks. Use an old toothbrush to brush out any remaining crumbs of gum.

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

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top ten MOST EXPENSIVE RESTAURANTS IN THE WORLD* Starting price per person

1. Sublimotion, Ibiza, Spain	\$2,000
2. Ultraviolet, Shanghai, China	\$1,422
3. Masa, New York, U.S.	\$950
4. Alchemist, Copenhagen, Denmark	\$722
5. Guy Savoy, Paris, France	\$696
6. Restaurant De L'Hotel De Ville, Crissier, Switzerland	\$458
7. Per Se, New York, U.S.	\$425
8. Kyoto Kitcho Arashiyama, Kyoto, Japan	\$373
9. Restaurant Le Meurice, Paris, France	\$315
10. Ithaa Undersea, Maldives	\$279

Source: GOBankingRates

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LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

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top ten COUNTRIES WITH THE MOST NATURAL RESOURCES

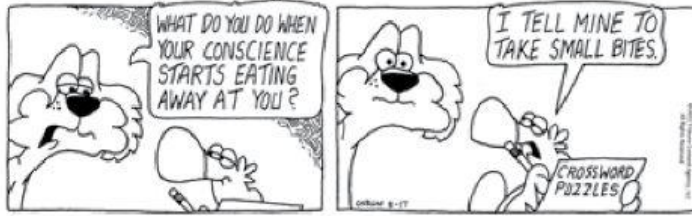
1. Russia
2. United States
3. Saudi Arabia
4. Canada
5. China
6. Iran
7. Australia
8. Brazil
9. Venezuela
10. Iraq

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ANIMAL CRACKERS

By Fred Wagner



PICKS OF THE MONTH

Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG) — Steve Carell's grumpy, yet lovable supervillain, Gru, first appeared on the big screen in 2010 during the box-office sensation *Despicable Me*. The film quickly evolved into the highest-grossing animated franchise of all time, and *Minions: The Rise of Gru* was no different than its predecessors, garnering close to \$1 billion. Starring Carell as Gru and Pierre Coffin as the minions, the latest film in the franchise takes us back to 1976 where an 11-year-old Gru dreams of becoming a supervillain. But with ambitions as high as Gru's, he can't go it alone and will need to find some assistance — specifically in the form of a yellow banana-loving species of creatures. Out now. (Peacock)

The World to Come (R) — Winner of the 2020 Queer Lion award at the Venice International Film Festival, this drama film taking place in 1856 New York stars Katherine Waterston (*Fantastic Beasts*) and Vanessa Kirby (*The Crown*) as two respectively married women who feel severe isolation in the farmlands they live in. Both being married to emotionally lacking men, and being devoid of children, the

two women start spending their downtime together and find meaningful solace in their shared moments. Eventually, they find that their bond is much deeper than friendship. Watson and Kirby are an incredible lead duo; their performances as actresses excellently sync up to the profound and poetic dialogue of their characters. Out now. (Hulu)

Little Richard: I Am Everything (NR) — Known as the "Architect of Rock and Roll," Richard Penniman, aka Little Richard, was a pioneer of his genre and lives on as a legend of popular music and culture. This documentary, which features tons of archival footage and interviews with his family and other musicians, dives into his legacy and explores his influence as a Black queer icon. It also touches on how he inspired other artists of his time and the many eras of music yet to come. The film depicts a very nuanced story that centers on the fact that Little Richard "was an omni being who contained multitudes — he was unabashedly everything." Out now. (Max)

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by Bonnie Mitchell

A Winning Year

From Aunt Bingo's Archive

Dear Aunt Bingo:

My friends and I decided this past fall that we were going to start the New Year right — by winning a big Bingo jackpot sometime before the end of January. We figured it was great way to kick off 2018 and set in motion what we dubbed our "Year of Big-Ass Winning." Plus, we knew that Bingo attendance got lighter during the winter, which also could boost our odds of winning sooner rather than later.

The plan was to make it through the holidays and then do a team Bingo marathon right after New Year's. We would hit a bunch of small Bingo games as well as make a few casino trips. The goal was to score a win of \$500 or more, which we would split four ways between us, and set in motion what we were confident would be lots more Bingo prizes in the months to come.

Something about this New Year's plan got our Bingo juices flowing, however, and we found ourselves getting a jump on our plans by going to considerably more Bingo much sooner than expected.

We had a copy of your newspaper, and each time we met for Bingo we'd go through the directory and plot our next trip. An added bit of fun was picking games we'd never been to in other parts of town, which made us feel adventurous. When we branched out to new neighborhoods we also scouted the areas for little local diners and restaurants to try out. It led us to some amazing food—Thai, Vietnamese, Polish and other nationalities. It was really fun.

We're all pretty budget conscious and snuck with the smaller games, but by mid-November we were itching to hit one of the upstate New York casinos. We went with the closest one, piled into the car and were off.

Following our now usual pattern, we went early and had lunch at one of the casino bistros before heading to the Bingo room. The Bingo games were mid-session, so we went for a walk through the other gaming areas while we waited the 30 minutes before the next session started.

My friend Lisa wanted to do the slots, so we gathered around her to watch her play. On her third spin, the bells and whistles went off. Just like that she won \$350! "Bingo's on me!" she shouted, and we all cheered.

We still had a few minutes to kill, and the excitement of Lisa's slots win was more than enough for us all to take a seat at another bank of slots and play for a bit. It was getting close to the time to leave for Bingo, and I gave my slot machine one more spin. Bingo Bing Bing! I won \$200!

My friend Elaine clapped her hands and chanted: "The Year of Big-Ass Winning, the Year of Big-Ass Winning!" and we all laughed and began chanting with her. It was a little early, but we weren't going to complain.

With two slots wins under our belts, none of us had particularly high hopes of walking away with any of the casino's Bingo money, but we were all having a good time and headed to the Bingo room nonetheless.

The room was pretty full, but we did our buy-in and found some decent seats near the caller. We chatted and dabbed away for a half-dozen games or so, when Lisa got quiet.

"Guys, I'm one away in two spots," she whispered as we were playing through a triple Bingo.

"Get out, we've barely started," I said, thinking she was just kidding around.

"I mean it. Look!"

Sure enough, she had dabbed practically every number called so far.

"The Year of Big-Ass Winning, the Year of Big-Ass Winning...!" Elaine began saying, and we all started chanting again.

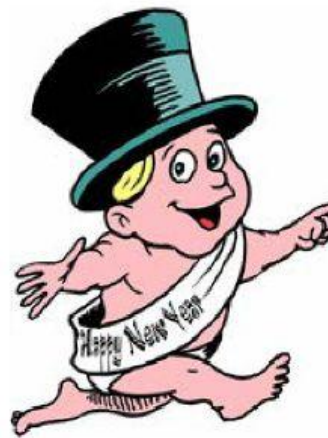
"Bingo!" The caller finally called O-61, one of Elaine's numbers.

We all cheered. We were about to split \$1,350!

Our plan had been to make 2018 the Year of Big-Ass Winning, but 2017 apparently had other ideas. Thank you, 2017!

J.J. New York

Share your views! Write to Aunt Bingo c/o the Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or email her at tara@bingobugle.com. Be sure to include your name and address (you can request that your name not be published), as typically she will not include anonymous letters in her columns.



QUESTIONS

1. How did Mitch Ryder get his stage name?
2. Where was the Beatles' last live show?
3. Name the first Beach Boys song to top the charts in the U.S.
4. What song was Bobby Hebb best known for?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Though I know you're the kind of boy who only wants to run around, I'll keep waiting and, someday darling, you'll come to me when you want to settle down."

ANSWERS

1. He spotted the name in a New York City phone book. He added "The Detroit Wheels" for the name of his band, and they were off and running.
2. Candlestick Park in San Francisco, California, on Aug. 29, 1966. The crowd numbered only 25,000, with 7,000 tickets not sold, even at a reduced price. That could have been due to Lennon's comments one month earlier about the Beatles being more popular than Jesus.
3. "I Get Around," in 1964.
4. "Sunny," in 1966. Numerous others released covers of the song around the world.
5. "One Fine Day," by the Chiffons in 1963. The song has been used in many soundtracks, including *The Flamingo Kid* (1984) as well as an episode of *The Simpsons*.

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BINGO LAND

NEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

Turkey Bingo

Every so often, there was a cheer, or a groan of dismay, after the Bingo number was called. However, win or lose, there were smiles aplenty as the Sandpoint Lions kicked off the club's annual Toys for Tots drive with two nights of Turkey Bingo. So many people turned out Friday night for the Idaho event—more than 130 people—that players were gathered around the piano and leaning against the wall after all of the tables filled up. The action was equally brisk on Saturday. Lions Club president Janice Rader said her favorite part of Turkey Bingo is seeing the families gathered together to play, from the very young to moms and dads to grandparents. "It's just amazing," Rader said. "I love watching the kids learn how to play Bingo." Janelle Schramm said there is a nostalgia in coming out to play Turkey Bingo, having come to the games when she was her daughters' ages. She said the family enjoys supporting the Lions Club's Tots for Tots campaign, knowing it will help make Christmas merry for area youngsters. Funds raised during the annual campaign go to purchase new toys for area children—or gift cards for older youth—who live in the Lake Pend Oreille School District. Every Christmas, the Lions help almost 1,000 area children.

afternoon, won by Charlene Jones. Those in attendance weren't watching the paint dry on this day though. They were paying attention to Buttercup and Billy Bob, waiting for them to do their business on the bingo card grid. It was all for a good cause, put on by an organization that is known for doing good for their communities in and around the world—Rotary. A total of 99 numbered squares with numbers had sold for \$100 each, forming the Bingo grid. A little after 3 p.m., Buttercup did her business—netting Pidge Morgan the grand prize of \$1,500.

Showgirls Hold Bingo Bash

Sequins and feathers were fluttering all over the Mesquite Elks Lodge on a recent Saturday as the Glitzy Mesquite Showgirls held their 4th annual Bingo Bash fundraiser in Mesquite, Nevada. The very popular event was held with two bingo sessions: one in the morning with 49 participants, and one in the afternoon with a full house of 90 participants. Raffle and fifty-fifty tickets were being sold throughout and the Bingo room bar was open and busy. The Mesquite Showgirls are a state registered non-profit group that serves the community by helping other organizations and businesses with their community events. Usually by showing up in their glamorous showgirl outfits, registering guests and selling raffle tickets. Notable bingo players were Anne Murphy, Ms. Senior Mesquite. Murphy was spreading the word that the 2024 Pageant is open and looking for contestants.



Cow Pie Bingo

This past November a couple hundred people came out for the inaugural Cow Pie Bingo event held at Hot Shots Bar & Grill in Moneta, Virginia. At the center of the event were two calves—affectionately named Buttercup and Billy Bob—on loan from Steve and Dwayne Manning of Manning Bros. Beef in Moneta. Local artist Lisa Floyd painted a picture of Buttercup and Billy Bob, both who stood in the fenced-in area on a beautiful and sunny Saturday afternoon. The painting was sold in an auction-style format later that



Shin Min for the Bingo Win

Kate loves New Year's Eve like no other holiday. She carefully hoards fireworks from the 4th of July to shoot off on New Year's Eve and puts on a show for the neighborhood, starting about ten when it is clearly my bedtime. There is great whooping and hollering from the neighbors as they help her celebrate and she does love it.

On New Year's Day itself, we usually celebrate with Cliff and Rod. They take us to breakfast at the casino and then we play Bingo until we are worn out. Casino breakfasts are marvelous affairs and on this particular day they usually have a buffet with every goodie imaginable. We fill up and then find a Bingo game.

Today they played in the biggest room and it was full. We quickly found seats with our friend and fellow Bingo fan, Shin Min. He is from Lanzhou, China, where he became an acupuncturist and then emigrated to the U.S. He is a charming man and I love to get acupuncture from him, but I don't go to him often as he won't let me pay and that bothers me. I have tried to talk to him about paying but he is adamant—he will not accept money

from close friends. What a joy it was to see him on New Year's Day.

Shin Min was having a lucky day. He won the first game and seemed always to be on when he didn't win. I had gotten a machine with 38 pre-programmed cards so I didn't have much to do except watch for wins. That's the reason I don't often get machines—they do all the work and you just sit there and monitor the results.

When intermission came, Shin Min insisted on treating us as he had been winning, but I was still full from breakfast. He politely asked if he might take us to dinner after the games and we happily accepted, knowing he would want to stay in the casino.

After intermission we continued playing; I was wondering how all 38 of my cards could be so unlucky when Shin Min was playing with only 8 cards and winning consistently. He became embarrassed and almost missed one win, but I finally convinced him not to feel bad about winning. That's just how it goes.

The final blackout was preceded by what was called "the bell." That was the top N, the second I and G, the third B and O, the fourth I and G and the bottom N. Since it was a blackout, the trick was to keep track of the pattern, but Shin Min was very good at this and he won, of course.

Rod was beginning to be a little resentful of all the time I was giving our friend, so I snuggled up close to him at dinner just to let him know how important he is in my life.

"Well," he said. "What's this about?" "Nothing special—just letting you know how much you mean to me and wishing you the happiest of New Year's."