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Who's got two thumbs and won \$5,289 at Red Rock? This girl! Congratulations to Danielle O. for the big win! Red Rock plays on the odd hours from 9am to 11pm. Way to go Danielle!

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Rochelle had a winning smile after hitting the 11am Cashball at Sunset Station, coming away with a total of \$3,848! Sunset Station plays daily on the odd hours from 9am to 11pm. Congratulations, Rochelle!

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Congratulations to Roger who won \$600 on Station's Bonus Game at Boulder Station.



Marie won the Big 3 at Red Rock's 1pm session, taking home \$1,200. Congratulations, Marie!



Virginia was a lucky bingo winner, winning \$4,400 from Santa Fe Station!

## Gaming News

### Japan to Approve Osaka Casino

Japan Times recently reported that the government is set to approve a plan by Osaka Prefecture and the city of Osaka to open what will be Japan's first casino resort in 2029, government sources said. Local governments like the idea of attracting tourists to a so-called integrated resort, or IR, comprised of a large hotel, conference rooms and gambling areas. The Osaka prefectural and city governments aim to open the facility between the fall and winter of 2029 on the artificial island of Yumesshima in Osaka Bay, the sources said. The resort, involving a partnership between MGM Resorts International of the United States and Japan's Orix, is expected to attract around 20 million visitors annually and bring ¥1.14 trillion (\$8.5 billion) in annual economic benefits to the western Japan region centering on the prefecture.

### Cowlitz Break Tie with Mohegans

The *Columbian* reported that the Cowlitz Indian Tribe announced it will end its six-year relationship with the Connecticut-based Mohegan Tribe, which oversees operations of its highly profitable ilani casino in Ridgefield, Washington. In a statement on the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's website, Chairwoman Patty Kinswa-Gaiser said: "After careful consideration, the Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Authority has recommended, and the Cowlitz Tribal Council has approved, a decision to begin a multi-step process of transitioning ilani from an enterprise managed by the Mohegan Tribe to a self-managed enterprise." In the statement, Kinswa-Gaiser said tribal leadership has the deepest gratitude to the Mohegan Tribe

for its guidance and partnership during the formative years of the casino. According to Kinswa-Gaiser, operations at ilani will not change, adding the Mohegan Tribe has committed to continuing to provide its management service for the next 15 months.

### NFT-based Slot Program at Stations

A new NFT-based slot program is now at Station Casinos. The company said Boarding Pass members are automatically enrolled and guests can earn charms that are then displayed on slot machine service windows. New charms will be available each month and each one is distinguished by category, how rare they are, and their luck level, which is the value associated with the guest's winnings while the charm is active on the slot machine.

"We are thrilled to be launching this innovative program to create a more engaging way for our guests to earn unique rewards and customize their play," Tom Mikulich, Senior Vice President of Innovation at Station Casinos, said. "Through our patent-pending, game-changing technology, we believe STN charms will reshape the casino gaming landscape and modernize loyalty programs making for a more rewarding and fun gaming experience for our guests." The casino said guests can buy, sell and browse the catalog of available charms on the STN charms website.

### Mandatory Breaks for Gamblers?

The government of the Australian state of Victoria, whose capital is Melbourne, has introduced potential regulations to protect gamblers against the weaknesses of their character. Patrons at Crown Casino Melbourne who've been playing for three continuous hours would be required to take a 15-minute break; those who've been gambling for more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period would have to leave for 24 hours. Finally, patrons would be restricted to 36 hours at the tables or pokies per week.



### The Shortest Road by David L Robbins

"If you want to know what happened, read history books. If you want to understand what happened, read historical fiction."

In that spirit, Wicked Son Books has published *The Shortest Road*, book two in the Promised Wars series by New York Times bestselling author David L. Robbins.

The book, part of a series set in five of Israel's pivotal wars, will deepen readers' understanding not only of a historically significant time and place, but of the human capacity for sorrow, struggle, and love. The first book, *Isaac's Beacon*, details the Jewish revolt against the British, and the Arab civil war which followed. This latest novel provides deep insight into Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel's Independence Day—also recognized as a day of remembrance for what the Palestinians call the Nakba, the Catastrophe. Author David Robbins, dubbed "the Homer of World War II," sensitively depicts the fight for survival, the contest for land and freedom, and the tragedies of the warrior, the simple citizen, and the refugee, in this historical novel exploring the Middle East conflict still raging nearly eight decades after the war for Israel's independence.

Both *The Shortest Road* and *Isaac's Beacon* are available on Amazon and bn.com in paperback and as an eBook.

Q: I hope this advice helps other cat owners. My cat, Ferris, is 13 years old, and while he's generally healthy, he does have arthritis and is not as energetic as he once was. I noticed a few months ago that he was not finishing his dry food in the evenings, so I took him to the vet to get him checked out. Everything was fine, but the vet said that he might have some discomfort crouching down to reach his food and water.

I went online to find a raised platform that would hold food and water dishes. The trouble was that many of the platforms were too high for Ferris to reach comfortably, and he didn't seem very happy with the platform design. Instead, I found a dish that he loves. It sits about three inches above the floor and is angled higher in the back so that he doesn't push the food out of the bowl while eating. It's weighted so that it doesn't shift while he eats. This is a lot more comfortable for Ferris, and he's eating all of his food again.

— Terry L., Bloomington, Indiana  
A: Thank you for sharing your story! I'm glad that Ferris found the perfect food dish.

Sometimes we have to try a few different items before discovering the perfect one for our pets. Whether it's a food dish, a toy or a bed, we have to be prepared to spend a little more money than expected to get just the right item. Trial and error is part of the process, and part of the joy of owning a pet.

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

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Battling with Limpers

By Jonathan Little

I was recently told about a tricky spot in a \$200 buy-in local poker tournament that gave one of my fans trouble. With blinds of 500/1,000 with a 1,000 big blind ante, the player in second position and the lojack both limped, and our Hero on the button with an effective stack of 24,000 decided to raise to 6,000 with A-4h.

This is usually not going to be a good raiser unless Hero thinks the limpers are incredibly weak. In most small-stakes games, limpers will call the prelop raise, resulting in Hero having a bit more than a pot-sized bet remaining in the stacks with a weak hand going to the flop.

Hero's raise would only be for value in games where the opponents are expected to frequently limp-call with all sorts of trash, and even then, A-4o is never too far ahead.

The big blind cold-called the raise and both limpers folded, much to my surprise. The flop came Ks-7s-2d and Hero bet 8,000 out of his 18,000 stack into the 15,500 pot. This bet size is not ideal because a smaller bet size would be just as effective as a bluff while risking fewer chips. If the big blind has nothing, he will fold to any reasonable bet, but he will not fold to any bet if he has a pair or better. Therefore, a smaller bet size of 5,000 would be better.

The big blind called the 8,000 bet. The turn was the 9s, giving Hero the nut flush draw. The big blind checked, and Hero pushed all-in for 10,000 into the 31,500 pot.

This is a tough spot, but unless the opponent will fold a pair of 7s and pocket pairs without a spade, Hero should check behind. The main problem is that many marginal made hands like one pair will have a flush draw, making it difficult for the big blind to fold given the excellent pot odds.

If the flop bet was smaller, the big blind would be getting worse odds to call on the turn, making a turn all-in much more reasonable. Given the bloated pot going to the turn, the ideal strategy is to check behind and hope to improve to a flush or top pair.

The big blind called the all-in bet with Kh-Kd for top set (and an optimistic prelop slowplay that resulted in him getting his money in way far ahead). Hero made the nut flush on the river and won the pot. That is lucky.

*Detail of Antonio Frasconi's woodcut "Overhead the Sun" (1969)*

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**FEAR KNIGHT**  
By: rj johnson

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KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

**Q:** What is "bone china"? Is it another name for porcelain or something different?

**A:** Bone china is a type of porcelain. It is made by combining clay and minerals with the ash left from burning animal bones. This makes it stronger, thinner and more durable than hard-paste porcelain. It has to be fired at higher temperatures and is more difficult to make. It was first made in England in the late 1700s, when European ceramists were trying to replicate Chinese porcelain. Some historians think bone ash was first added to the clay due to a mistranslation of a French description of Chinese porcelain making. Although bone china was made earlier, the words "bone china" started appearing in marks on pieces in 1915.

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<b>B:</b>	03	04	08	09	15
<b>I:</b>	16	20	21	27	28
<b>N:</b>	32	33	35	36	39
<b>G:</b>	48	49	51	54	57
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## Honorary "Fathers" Bring Luck

We called Cliff and Rodney to ask if they would be our honorary fathers for the Big Father's Day celebration at Boys and Girls Club Bingo. Both were somewhat reluctant, but the lure of free Bingo for them plus dinner after won them over. It was one of those rare and beautiful spring days when we picked them up and proceeded to the newly refurbished hall.

I was surprised to note there were more men than women. Huge Father's Day posters were hung on the walls and the guys seemed to be really enjoying themselves. We told Cliff and Rodney they could have anything they wanted at the buy-in and tried hard not to look dismayed when they loaded up. We had already promised they could keep all their winnings.

Next they wanted snacks and accompanied Kate to the snack bar where she paid. I wondered if we were ever that casual while

spending their money. They had certainly taken us out many times. We usually paid our own way in to Bingo, but they had bought us many meals.

First, we played the warm-ups and then moved into the regular games. There were specials about every third game so many chances for big payoffs. Cliff won on repeatedly and I knew he would win before long. I was, however, the first to win on the "Really Big Father's Day Special." They asked me to produce my father and I got Rodney to stand explaining he was my honorary father for the day. He received a basket of men's toiletries, but I could tell he was still embarrassed. "I'm only eight years older than you," he muttered.

I won \$350 so was no longer worried about the expenses of the day. Next Cliff won and produced Kate as his "daughter." He did not explain that this was an honorary title but grinned wickedly. Kate received a basket of women's toiletries, which I thought was very nice. Cliff had to split the prize three ways so only received \$75, but we still thought it was a nice win.

At intermission the guys wanted more snacks and I told Kate: "At least they won't be hungry for a very big dinner." I was certainly wrong about that.

The second half always seems to go very quickly, but there was time enough for Kate to be a big winner on the "Oh My Papa" game. She got to spin the wheel and won \$1,000, which excited us all so much we could scarcely think.

We went happily on to dinner, Kate looking at her check several times. I finally noticed Rodney was very quiet and asked him if anything might be wrong. "Oh, no, nothing," he said. When he continued to be quiet, I pressed him again. "Well," he admitted. "You will have to admit that being an honorary father takes a good bit of energy, not to mention pizzazz. I feel like I rated a special prize. You all won big bucks and all I got was a bar of soap and some after-shave." Well, Kate said, "At least you don't have to report that to the IRS," beaming.



By Samantha Weaver

★ Seventy-five percent of all sesame seeds grown in Mexico wind up on McDonald's hamburger buns.

★ In 1998, a British man faked his own death by leaving his clothes on the beach and hiding to make his wife realize how much she missed him. Unfortunately, the prank backfired, as she divorced him after learning about it.

★ Former First Lady Hillary Clinton served on the boards of TCBY and Walmart.

★ Earthworms in the northern part of North America are a non-native, invasive species and a major factor in forest deterioration.

★ Michael Bay, producer of "Friday the 13th," walked out of the film's screening because it contained too much sex.

★ Ever wonder why garlic is so anathema to vampires? One theory goes that it's an antibiotic, and since vampirism was often thought to be a disease, it was harmful to them. Another holds that it was believed to repel mosquitoes, and since they're both bloodsuckers, vampires would be repelled as well.

★ A city in Sweden uses light therapy in bus stops to combat depression during the winter when 19 hours of the day are darkness.

★ Astronomers have discovered a cloud of fiery gas about 3,000,000 light years across that reaches temperatures in the tens of millions of degrees and gobbles entire galaxies as it moves along.

## Slots Q&A

### Reader's Questions Answered

**Q:** I've heard that some casinos in Atlantic City and Las Vegas have added a few coin-operated slots to their floors as an advertising gimmick. I've always wondered, is there any advantage to playing slots with coins as opposed to playing with credits?

**A:** We're all familiar with the disadvantages of coin play: dirty hands, coin jams, long waits for hand-pay, etc. The only advantage to coin play is that inserting one coin at a time takes time to do. And this extends your bankroll and playing time. Pushing a button gives you instantaneous play, but you also lose faster and tend to make larger bets. Except for their occasional use as a nostalgic novelty or advertising gimmick, coin-operated slots are extinct.

**Q:** Do slots at the end of a row really pay better?

**A:** No. It's just a myth. At one time casinos did place looser slots at the end of aisles and in highly visible locations—like near coffee shops, show lines, cashier's cage, elevated carousels, etc. They knew it was good advertising for players to see other players winning.

But today nearly all slot machines of a given denomination on the casino floor tend to pay back pretty much the same. For example, all penny slots will pay back around 90 percent; all quarter slots around 92%; and so forth. So, if all slots of a given denomination pay back about the same, it makes little difference whether you play a slot in the middle of the row or on the aisle.

Just stick with the slots that give you the most fun and playing time for your money no matter where they're located.

### 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:** ♦♦♦

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### Just Like Cats & Dogs

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### STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Can you determine the values (whole numbers) for each of the four symbols in the grid below?

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△	□	○	☀	14
△	☀	☀	△	18
○	□	○	☀	12
15	16	12	16	18

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### FLASH BACK

POP ROCK & SOUL TRIVIA BY MIKE

**QUESTIONS**

- Who was Elmo Glick?
- Name the deaf singer who released "Cry" and "Just Walkin' in the Rain."
- Why was Paul Simon (of Simon & Garfunkel) sued for "El Condor Pasa"?
- Who released "Could It Be I'm Falling in Love"?
- Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Well, I might take a train, I might take a plane, but if I have to walk, I'm gonna get there just the same."

**ANSWERS**

- That was the name used by songwriting duo Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller. They wrote over 70 hits, including "Jailhouse Rock" and "Stand By Me."
- Johnnie Ray. He was left deaf after an accident at a Scout camp as a boy.
- Simon & Garfunkel's "El Condor Pasa (If I Could)" is from a 1913 Peruvian instrumental. Simon, having been told by a band that it was an old folk song, was eventually sued for copyright infringement, not knowing the melody actually had been copyrighted in the U.S. since 1933.
- The Spinners, in 1972.
- "Kansas City," by Wilbert Harrison in 1959. The song was written by the Elmo Glick duo, mentioned above, two 19-year-old R&B fans who went on to have long writing careers.

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### Bingo Mailbag Q&A

With a shortage of fun Bingo news this month (just the same story over and over about a raid of Alabama Bingo halls!) we decided to reach into the mailbag and answer some of your recent questions.

**Q:** What is the average age of bingo players?

**A:** According to Casino.com the age range is 18 to 84, for an average age of 38-years-old.

**Q:** How much does a bingo caller make in the U.S.?

**A:** According to Wage.com the average bingo Caller salary in the United States is \$27,482 as of February 27, 2023, but the range typically falls between \$24,091 and \$34,346.

**Q:** What number is "dirty knees"?

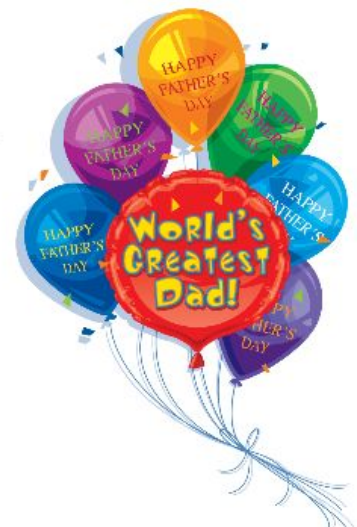
**A:** The number 33 is called dirty knees in some places; also, all the threes, or fish, chips and peas (clearly in the U.K. for that one).

**Q:** Who plays the most bingo, men or women, and where did it come from?

**A:** According to a recent survey as many men (43%) play Bingo as women (57%); however, women play the game more often. It originated in Italy in 1530 as a game called, "Le Lotto."

**Q:** What is the best online Bingo?

**A:** While we feel a little wary of the computer versions of our beloved real-world bingo, the reality is bingo is fun no matter where you play it! The top hall we found online, according to various lists, was Cyber Bingo (but note that online content is often sponsored). If you have a favorite online bingo or bingo app you like to play, drop us a line at tara@bingobugle.com or Frontier Publications, P.O. Box 527, Vashon WA 98070 and tell us what you like about the game's.



### Try This

## Super sand

A box of sand can stop a bullet fired from a gun, and here's why:

- Cover end of tube with tissue held by rubber bands.
- Ask someone if he or she thinks it's possible to break tissue with a stick.
- Put another piece of tissue on tube, and fill 3/4 of tube with sand.

Challenge person to try to break the tissue again with the stick.

**What happened?**

With sand in the tube, it's very hard to force the stick all the way through.

The sand grains direct the force outward in all directions.

There's not enough force left pushing against the bottom end of the tube to break the tissue.

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# GAMING TODAY

by Henry Tamburin

## Double Royal Flushes

I was just about to hit the deal button on my video poker machine when my friend screamed to me, "What are you doing?" He was shocked that I was going to continue to play the same video poker machine that I had just hit a royal flush on.

My friend is a novice slots and video poker player, and he was in town for a weekend of some R&R. He, like most other casual players, mistakenly believes that once a machine "hits a royal flush," the chance that it will hit again soon is nil. So here I was, in the middle of a casino, trying to explain to him why this isn't necessarily so. This is what I told him.

Inside that video poker machine is a software program that resides in a computer chip and it randomly selects the cards that appear on the video poker screen from a 52-card virtual deck of cards. "Every card has the same chance of showing up on the deal and on the draw," I told him. "Just like if you were to deal me the cards from a freshly shuffled deck of cards." I also emphasized to him that after a hand is completed, the computer reshuffles the virtual 52-card deck and then deals the next hand when I hit the deal button

again. "So, every hand is an independent hand," I told him. "And because each hand is independent, I have the same chance of hitting a second royal as the first royal, even on the same machine."

"And what are the odds of that happening?" he asked. I told him that the odds of hitting a royal flush are about 40,000 to 1 (assuming the royal occurred on the draw and not on the deal). So even though I had just hit a royal, the odds that I could hit another royal were the same - 40,000 to 1. He had a doubtful look on his face when he said, "OK, go play your video poker machine. I'm gonna play some slots." And off he went.

As my friend wandered off to play the slots, I continued to play video poker. I was playing a triple play jacks or better machine (which paid 9 coins for a full house and 6 coins for a flush per coin played, which is a very good pay schedule for this game), when it happened: I held three cards to the royal and on one line I got the two cards I needed for a royal flush. (This royal occurred about 15 minutes after my first royal.)

While the slot attendant was paying me my winnings in cash, my friend showed up and his eyes nearly popped out of his head. "Don't tell me you hit another royal," he said incredulously. "I responded with a big smile and said, 'Yep ... now do you believe what I said earlier about the chances of hitting two royals on the same machine in the same session?'"

The point is this: every hand when you play video poker is an independent hand with specific odds of hitting a royal flush (or for that matter, any winning hand). It doesn't matter what happened on the previous hands. Even if a player just hit two royals on the same machine, the chance that he could hit another royal on the same machine is the same 40,000 to 1 (even though the odds are long, they don't change just because a royal was just hit). So there is no need to change machines once you hit a royal; just keep playing, and if you know your strategy and with a little luck, you might, someday, also hit two (or more) royals on the same machine. Good luck!



## Summersgiving

*Dads are ordinary men turned by love into heroes, storytellers, protectors, and lifelong friends.* —Myriad Daughters and Sons

There's so much to talk about this month, I don't know where to begin. Father's Day, inclusive of step-fathers and foster fathers, is June 18th so let's start there. My dad was a self-taught jack of all trades, not going beyond the 4th grade in school. However, that didn't stop him from succeeding in life; raising a family of college graduates, and being the neighborhood go-to-guy for help in plowing driveways, fixing furnaces, air conditioners, and everything else that needed fixin' as he said. He survived a debilitating stroke and was on his way to recovery when a teenage driver speeding on a rural road went left of center and ceded my father's life. I share this not to depress or upset my readers, but as a gentle hint to love and hug your loved ones as often as possible. Life is unpredictable and any day may be the last day for any one of us.

On a happier note, June 3rd is National Doughnut Day. This holiday of confection holidays is held on the first Friday in June, or maybe November 5, depending on which list is consulted. My hubby and I solve this by eating doughnuts on both days. Romans,

Greeks, and Native Americans also prepared these sweet treats, but their doughnuts as well as others down through the years, did not have the center hole. Without the hole, the doughnuts did not heat or cook evenly so nuts and fruit were stuffed inside. That changed around 1850 when Hanson Gregory changed doughnuts forever by cutting a hole in the center of his doughnuts, thus allowing them to cook evenly. Whether true or not, Robert and I thank Mr. Gregory, Dunkin' Doughnuts, Jolly Rogers, and etc. for making us fatter. We accept no blame.

Moving on, June 21 is the first day of summer and that does not bode well for the chubby body of yours truly. Nope, my body is not bikini ready in the least and I will let it go at that. My husband loves summer; the hotter and higher the temperature, the better. He soaks in heat like a sponge and loves being outside. I sprawl on our couch, turn the air conditioner down, suck on ice cubes, and curse the sweat pouring down my brow. Robert is a porch sitter while I sit inside imagining I am in a climate-controlled casino, or in a bingo hall. Much better in my estimation.

That brings me to a relatively new celebration, Summersgiving. Several years ago, Robert Solomon decided to throw a BBQ to celebrate summer. Loving Thanksgiving food, Mr. Solomon combined his barbecue with November foods and came up with Summersgiving. His friends ate turkey, drank cranberry martinis, and gobbled down November food along with summer BBQ favorites. In 2019 the Registrar at National Day Calendar proclaimed Summersgiving to be observed annually on the Saturday after the Summer Solstice, June 24 this year. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big! Contact me at nlpvz6172@gmail.com. Final note, June 23 is Let It Go Day so let go of your mental baggage, grudges, and quarrels. You'll feel better, but the song *Let It Go* from Frozen will be in your head for weeks.

# SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

## Is AARP Membership Worth Having?

I remember feeling uneasy when the first AARP envelope showed up in my mailbox. It was one thing to quietly hit the Big Five-O, and it was another thing to realize that I was then eligible for membership in a group for seniors.

It took a little while, but I did sign up. Over the years I've stayed. The benefits are worth it. Here are a few:

I get a discount on my cellphone plan for having an AARP membership.

The list of benefits and discounts keeps growing, many of them local. Rental cars and travel, insurance of all kinds, flowers and groceries, transmissions and tires, paint... and pizza.

There's the Smart Driver online safety course that, once you pass it, could save you money on your auto insurance.

The monthly newspaper, the AARP Bulletin, is worth reading for the information it contains: money, senior news and events in my state, government affairs, Social Security and health. Then there's the bi-monthly AARP magazine, with a wide variety of articles, from dieting and money management to places to retire and much more. The two publications are worth the \$16 price of membership by themselves because of the information they present.

If you sign up for AARP membership (the first year is reduced to \$12), it will likely take a few months for your publications to start up. If you change your address, the same thing might happen, depending on where in the publishing cycle your change occurs. If you suspect something has gone astray, call them at 888-687-2277. Meanwhile, you can read both of them online at the AARP website: aarp.org.

What interests me the most today is the 25% off discount on a first order from Silver Cuisine by bistroMD, especially the low sodium meals.

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Terri was Station's bonus winner, instantly winning \$600 cash!

## Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

### How to Choose an Assisted Living Facility

Dear Savvy Senior,

What's the best way to go about choosing an assisted living facility for my 86-year-old father? Since mom died last year, his health has declined to the point that he can't live at home anymore but isn't ready for a nursing home either.

—Searching Susan

Dear Susan,

If your dad needs help with things like bathing, dressing, preparing meals, managing his medications or just getting around, an assisted living facility is definitely a good option to consider.

Assisted living facilities are residential communities that offer different levels of health or personal care services for seniors who want or need help with daily living. There are nearly 29,000 assisted living communities (also called board and care, supportive-care or residential-care facilities) in the U.S. today, some of which are part of a retirement community or nursing home. Most facilities have anywhere between 10 and 100 suites, varying in size from a single room to a full apartment. And some even offer special memory care units for residents with dementia.

To help you choose a good assisted living facility for your dad, here are some steps to follow.

**Make a list:** There are several sources you can turn to for referrals to top assisted living communities in your area including your dad's doctor or nearby hospital discharge planner; friends or neighbors who've had a loved one in assisted living; or you can do an online search at Caring.com.

**Do some research:** To research the communities on your list, put a call into your long-term care ombudsman. This is a government official who investigates long-term care facility complaints and advocates

for residents and their families. This person can help you find the latest health inspection reports on specific assisted living facilities and can tell you which ones have had complaints or other problems in the past. To find your local ombudsman visit L1Combudsman.org. **Call the facilities:** Once you've identified a few good assisted living facilities, call them to see if they have any vacancies, what they charge and if they provide the types of services your father needs.

**Tour your top choices:** During your visit, notice the cleanliness and smell of the facility. Is it homely and inviting? Does the staff seem responsive and kind to its residents? Also be sure to taste the food, and talk to the residents and their family members, if available. It's also a good idea to visit several times at different times of the day and different days of the week to get a broader perspective.

On your facility visit, get a copy of the admissions contract and the residence rules that outline the fees (and any extra charges), services and residents' rights, and explanations for when a resident might be asked to leave because their condition has worsened, and they require more care than the facility can provide.

Also, find out their staff turnover rate, COVID infection-control procedures and if and when medical professionals are on site. To help you rate your visit, Caring.com offers a checklist of questions that you can download and print at Caring.com/static/checklist-AL-tour.pdf.

**How to pay:** Monthly costs for assisted living ranges anywhere from \$2,500 to \$6,000 or more, depending on where you live, the facility you choose, and the services provided. Since Medicare does not cover assisted living, most residents pay out-of-pocket from their own personal funds, and some have long-term care insurance policies. If your dad has limited financial resources and can't afford this, most states now have Medicaid waiver programs that help pay for assisted living. Or, if he's a veteran, he may be able to get funds through the VA's Aid and Attendance benefit. To find out about these programs, ask the assisted living facility director, or contact his local Medicaid office (see Medicaid.gov) or the regional VA benefit office (800-827-1000).

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answers

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**Boggle BrainBusters Answers:**

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HYENA OTTER TIGER

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answers

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2. Hooper, Hoover	7. Hurry, Harry
3. Expert, Expect	8. Later, Lager
4. Coach, Conch	9. Create, Crease
5. Flake, Flame	10. Peony, Phony

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**COUCH THEATER**  
BY DEAN TAVERAS

## PICKS OF THE MONTH

**Peter Pan & Wendy** (PG) The live-action adaptation of Walt Disney's 1953 *Peter Pan* hits Disney's streaming platform on April 28! Alexander Molony portrays "the boy who wouldn't grow up" in his very first film debut, while Ever Anderson (*Black Widow*) nabbed the role of Wendy. Those who love Peter Pan's story know that an adventure to Neverland would never be complete without characters like the Lost Boys, Tiger Lily and, of course, Captain Hook — who is played by an almost unrecognizable Jude Law. Whether the film will be received well by audiences remains to be seen, as many fans are sounding off about the live-action remake. Disney continues to shovel out to no avail. Maybe it's time to mix it up? (Disney+)

**Love & Death** (TV-MA) — Candy Montgomery is a Texan housewife who has always craved more out of life than the ordinary woman. So, she decides to take a risk and start having an affair with another

## Americanisms

"America is hope. It is compassion. It is excellence. It is valor."  
— Paul Tsongas

married townie named Allan. They vow not to let their spouses find out, going to great lengths to cover up their rendezvousing. That is, until one day, when news rings out over town about the gruesome death of Allan's wife, Betty. Now, as the investigation surrounding Betty's murder begins, Candy must deal with the repercussions of her affair and the accusations that she was the one who committed this monstrous act. Elizabeth Olsen and Jesse Plemons star in this miniseries based on a true story. (HBO Max)

**Citadel** (TV-16+) — Spy series have been on a roll lately, with shows like *The Night Agent* and *Liaison* getting cranked out by streaming services. *Citadel*, executive produced by the Russo Brothers, is one of the latest of these suspenseful series that could prove to be quite successful for Prime Video. Starring Richard Madden and Priyanka Chopra Jonas, the show follows Mason Kane, a spy suffering from amnesia after a huge explosion. From the explosion, he solely remembers Nadia (Chopra Jonas), who he finds has also lost her memory. So, the two partner up together to remember their past, the spies they once were and the secret espionage organization they were in, called Citadel. (Prime Video)

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

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**Guy's Turn**

## Electronics: Yes or No Go?

Hi Guy,

I am curious about your opinion on electronic handheld Bingo machines.

When the first technology arrived at Bingo—which got rid of hardboards and brought in paper Bingo—I was all for it. The hardboards with clips or sliding windows were dirty and the old way of calling numbers had a lot of us questioning fairness. With the digital age and computer verifying, I and most other Bingo players are much happier daubing our paper and having a computerized system keeping things running smoothly.

But as far as the handheld machines go, I am not a fan. Don't get me wrong...I think they are 100% fair and reliable. I just find them dull. You don't even need to follow the numbers. The machine will beep and tell you if you win. What fun is that?

The one "unfair" part is that with the machine doing the tracking, a player can sit there sipping his coffee and playing with his smartphone while the machine plays more cards than is humanly possible. I understand that the player paid to get all those cards, but it just doesn't seem fun to me to even go to Bingo if you are barely going to participate. It's weird.

—Ralph W., via email



Hi Ralph,

It seems to me that it's just a matter of personal preference: Some folks love to track the numbers, watch the board, the monitor and the caller, and dab their daubers. Others don't really care about the "action," and for that group handhelds have been a godsend.

My feeling is that whatever keeps people coming to Bingo is good for Bingo. Technological advances, better food, better lighting, more comfortable chairs—it all bodes well for the future of our favorite game.

Another important plus for handhelds—they have allowed some people who had to give up Bingo—because they couldn't keep up the pace or had some physical issue that prevented them from playing—to return to the hall.

My neighbor is arthritic in both hands and simply could not daub her Bingo paper without pain. When a nearby K of C introduced electronic Bingo machines she was one of the first ones in line and was positively giddy that technology had come to her rescue and brought Bingo back into her life. —Guy

**Readers:** What is your opinion of handheld Bingo machines? Do you love 'em or hate 'em? And why? —Guy

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





QUESTIONS

- 1. What Baseball Hall of Famer claims to have consumed 107 beers in a single day while flying with his team on a cross-country road trip?
2. Former heavyweight boxing champion James Smith, who fought professionally from 1981-99, was better known by what nickname?
3. What Pro Football Hall of Famer was head coach of the Super Bowl III champion New York Jets?
4. What city in the former nation of Yugoslavia hosted the 1984 Winter Olympic Games?
5. According to Major League Baseball rules instituted for the 2023 season, how many seconds is a pitcher allowed between pitches when there is one or more runners on base?
6. What golfer won the 1977 PGA Championship and finished third at The Masters three times (1990, 1991, 1993)?
7. Interlagos is the unofficial name of an auto racing circuit located in what South American city?

Q: What was the name of the 1970s sitcom about a waitress who dated a doctor? I remember it starred the actor from the movie "Airplane!" It's one of my earliest TV memories as a kid, but I've never seen it in reruns. — N.M.

A: You're thinking of Angie, which ran for two seasons on ABC from 1979 to 1980. It was produced by Garry Marshall and starred Donna Pescow and Robert Hays as a coffee shop waitress and pediatrician who fall in love. Doris Roberts played Angie's mother.

Before getting her own show, Pescow was best known for playing Annette in Saturday Night Fever and later for her daytime soap roles on All My Children and General Hospital. Her most recent credit is an episode of Hulu's Welcome to Chippendale.

Actor Robert Hays is now 75 years old and has had a long career in Hollywood. His first movie role was the hilarious classic Airplane! in 1980, but prior to that, he guest-starred on multiple primetime shows before landing Angie. His last role in a major production was playing Capt. Bob Wilson in the TV movie Sharknado 2: The Second One, in 2014.

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ANSWERS

- 1. Wade Boggs.
2. Bonecrusher.
3. Weeb Ewbank.
4. Sarajevo.
5. 20 seconds.
6. Lanny Wadkins.
7. Sao Paulo, Brazil (the track is officially named Autodromo Jose Carlos Pace).

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Micro Crossword By Elizabeth C. Gorski

- Across
1 Nacho topping, casually
5 \_\_\_ time (never)
6 Gulf off Libya's coast
8 "How \_\_\_ is that?"
9 First painting class, perhaps

Micro crossword grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

- Down
1 Lamp lighter?
2 City east of Syracuse
3 All-purpose conjunction

- 4 French landscape painter
7 Ryan's "Love Story" co-star

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Nevada Happenings

Fourth Lotus of Siam Announced

Lotus of Siam, widely considered the best Thai restaurant in Las Vegas, will open a fourth location in Henderson West, a mixed-use project going up at St. Rose Parkway and Bermuda Road, by the end of next year.

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Tom Brady's Vegas Connections

Mark Davis, owner of the Las Vegas Raiders, and Tom Brady are friendly and have been seen together in Las Vegas on occasion, most recently at an MMA match and a WNBA Las Vegas Aces game last season. It was also strongly rumored that Davis wanted Brady to play for the Raiders next season, but the seven-time Super Bowl champion retired for good.

when I tagged along to all my older sisters' games—they were by far the best athletes in our house." Details on what percentage of the team he owns haven't been revealed. The Aces won the Commissioner's Cup and the WNBA Championship last season and could be the favorite to win back-to-back titles.

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RAMPART JUNE BINGO PROMOTIONS
June 10th - Summer Bingo Jam
Father's Day - June 18
Double/Triple Play sessions
Bonus R Balls - Twice a Week



Lucky Predictions for June 2023

- ARIES: March 21 to April 19
1st thru 6th... Flying high the 3rd-5th
7th thru 12th... RED & winning the 11th
13th thru 18th... Double win 16th-17th
19th thru 24th... You are HOT 21st-22nd
25th thru 30th... Might as well forget it
TAURUS: April 20 to May 20
1st thru 6th... Great prospects 5th-6th
7th thru 12th... GREEN cards bring it, 9th
13th thru 18th... You call the shots 13th-14th
19th thru 24th... Game's yours 23rd-24th
25th thru 30th... Not advised

- GEMINI: May 21 to June 21
1st thru 6th... Hold off
7th thru 12th... YELLOW cards shine 7th-8th
13th thru 18th... Piece of cake, 16th
19th thru 24th... You're all over it 21st-22nd
25th thru 30th... Easy win the 26th
CANCER: June 22 to July 22
1st thru 6th... GREEN's lucky the 5th
7th thru 12th... Put it on PURPLE the 9th
13th thru 18th... Cash in high 13th-14th
19th thru 24th... Worth trying 23rd-24th
25th thru 30th... Determination prevails 29th

- LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22
1st thru 6th... Stay on track the 3rd
7th thru 12th... RED advantage 11th-12th
13th thru 18th... Multiple wins 16th-17th
19th thru 24th... Home advantage 21st
25th thru 30th... Lucky break 26th-27th
VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22
1st thru 6th... Your days: 5th-6th
7th thru 12th... You'll see better days
13th thru 18th... BLUE bodes well 18th
19th thru 24th... GREEN card victory 23rd-24th
25th thru 30th... Money hand over fist 28th-29th

- LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23
1st thru 6th... Fantastic win the 3rd
7th thru 12th... PURPLE pays the 8th
13th thru 18th... Twice lucky 16th-17th
19th thru 24th... RED's spot on 21st
25th thru 30th... PURPLE's on point, 26th

- SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21
1st thru 6th... Hard card surprise the 5th
7th thru 12th... BLUE's da bomb, 9th
13th thru 18th... You win early, 13th
19th thru 24th... Better than usual 23rd
25th thru 30th... Focus quietly 28th

- SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21
1st thru 6th... Very late the 2nd
7th thru 12th... Good call the 11th
13th thru 18th... Cool it for now
19th thru 24th... RED's on fire 21st-22nd
25th thru 30th... Celebrate in style 27th
CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19
1st thru 6th... Flows right to ya 1st-2nd
7th thru 12th... Can't go wrong 9th
13th thru 18th... Right on target 13th-14th
19th thru 24th... Bag it but you spend it 23rd-24th
25th thru 30th... The time is not ideal

- AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18
1st thru 6th... Double your luck, 3rd
7th thru 12th... Hold out 'til 11th-12th
13th thru 18th... Due 4 a win 16th-17th
19th thru 24th... ORANGE fans da flame 21st-22nd
25th thru 30th... Put on your dancin' shoes 27th
PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20
1st thru 6th... All except 3rd-4th
7th thru 12th... Magically good the 9th
13th thru 18th... Great expectations 13th-14th
19th thru 24th... GREEN draws \$ 18th-19th
25th thru 30th... Pleasant surprise 28th

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PREDICTORS LUCKY CARD FOR JUNE 2023
15 16 39 46 62
9 17 45 59 75
13 27 56 61
8 24 33 48 73
1 30 41 50 67

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS JUNE 2023
2nd National Doughnut Day
3rd National Trails Day
4th Full Moon
6th D-Day
10th Last Quarter Moon
14th Flag Day
18th Father's Day
18th New Moon
19th Juneteenth
21st June Solstice
26th First Quarter Moon
29th Hug Holiday Day



Horoscopes for June 2023

- ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): What steps do you take when you feel disconnected from life's flow? It's important that you don't abandon your creative work now because of an impasse. See if you can turn the stasis into a process—where waiting and watching eventually provides you with a new world map. Silence can convey much.
Lucky Days: 9 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 7 - 24

- TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): If you've ever longed to devote more of your life to a spiritual or contemplative path, this is your moment to commit. Because your sign is aligned strongly with the natural world, make time for exploring outdoors. Start a garden, hit the beach, or take a long hike. The earth will revitalize you with each step you take.
Lucky Days: 2 - 46
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 22

- GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): This is an exciting period where one cycle closes while inspiring a new intellectual undertaking. Original ways of thinking are key. Make a list or start a detailed journal that focuses on your goals for the summer. You always make headway when you involve yourself with the written word.
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COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS
SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Permit 2. Alter 3. Escape 4. Almost
Today's Word: SMART
JUMBLES: CROWN HONEY LONELY KITTEN
Answer: He wanted to wear his favorite pair of golf socks, but he had a HOLE IN ONE
HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Light is missing. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Cap is reversed. 4. Plant is missing. 5. Collar is different. 6. Cuff is added.
CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Man who invented the hamburger was smart; man who invented the cheeseburger was a genius. — Matthew McConaughey

- VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): What's the best way to ensure your financial future? Make a thorough assessment of how you are managing your time and do away with the superfluous and distracting. Saturn in your sign requires you to bring your wisdom and maturity to bear on the most reliable way to fulfill your goals.
Lucky Days: 4 - 11
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 6

- LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): Research is the theme for June. Focus your time and efforts on gathering the facts and figures that will put all of your ducks in a row. And stay true to both your passion and rationality of all the signs you know how to strike the perfect balance between those qualities.
Lucky Days: 7 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 28 - 50

- SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): This is a period of culmination for you, as Jupiter opposes your sign. Consider what goals you initiated six years ago and see how that creative work is ready to be shared and experienced by the world. The full Moon on the 3rd highlights the need to smooth out any snags with authority figures. Avoid unnecessary confrontations.
Lucky Days: 9 - 29
Lucky Numbers: 1 - 11

- SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): The full Moon on the 3rd highlights the paradox between freedom and responsibility. Respect limitations but stay focused on what you can achieve by turning discipline into an art form. Saturn is pressuring you to mature in ways that might seem boring. Reread the Aesop fable of the tortoise and the hare.
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doesn't mean that it's unsafe to eat. It simply means that it may contain higher levels of pesticides than other items on the list.

The Environmental Working Group is a widely respected nonprofit organization that puts out these lists each year. They use data from the United States Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration to determine which fruits and vegetables are most and least likely to contain pesticide residue.

So, why should you pay attention to these lists? Mainly because buying organic produce is almost always more expensive than buying conventionally grown produce. By using the Dirty Dozen and Clean 15 lists, you can prioritize which produce items you should try to buy organic and which ones you can save money on by buying conventionally grown.

For example, strawberries are at the top of this year's Dirty Dozen list. If you eat lots of strawberries, it might be worth spending a little extra money to buy organic strawberries to avoid consuming potentially harmful levels of pesticide residue. Meanwhile, avocados are at the top of the Clean 15 list. If you eat a lot of avocados, you can save money by buying conventionally grown avocados without worrying too much about pesticide residue.

Of course, it's important to note that even conventionally grown produce is generally considered safe to eat. Additionally, you can further reduce your exposure to pesticides by washing your produce thoroughly before eating or cooking.

Here's a fast, frugal and healthy recipe, featuring two Clean 15 ingredients: frozen peas and onion.

**GREEN PEAS SOUP**

Yield: 4 servings  
Total Time: 35 minutes

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup sweet onion, chopped
- 3 cups vegetable stock
- 4 cups frozen peas
- To serve: sour cream or Greek yogurt and green onion

In a large saucepan, heat the oil, then add the onion and cook on low heat for 5 minutes until softened but not browned. Add the stock, cover, and cook for 5 minutes. Stir in the peas, bring it back to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes, or until the peas are cooked. Purée the soup in batches in a blender or blend with an immersion blender. To serve, get fancy pants with artistic swirls of sour cream or plain Greek yogurt and top with copious amounts of green onion.

To sum up, it's important to prioritize your grocery budget when it comes to buying organic produce. Don't let your budget discourage you from eating fruits and vegetables. Eating conventionally grown produce is still much better for your health than not eating any produce at all.

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**Test Your Knowledge**

1. MOVIES: Which movie gave actor Tom Hanks his first Oscar?
2. SCIENCE: Apollo astronauts reported that the Moon smelled like what substance?
3. GEOGRAPHY: How many stars are on the Australian flag?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president killed a man who insulted him in a duel?
5. MUSIC: Which pop group produced the hit song "God Only Knows"?
6. TELEVISION: *The Brady Bunch* features how many blended family members?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the official language of the United States?
8. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Rhode Island?
9. ASTRONOMY: Which is the only planet in our solar system that is not named after a god or goddess?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What is a cheese connoisseur called?

**ANSWERS**

1. Philadelphia.
2. Burnt gunpowder.
3. Six.
4. Andrew Jackson. In 1806 he shot and killed Charles Dickinson in a duel.
5. The Beach Boys.
6. Eight: six children and two parents.
7. TITLE: None — the United States doesn't have an official language.
8. Providence.
9. Earth.
10. A turophile.

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**WORD LADDERS**

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

**MOVES**

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**LIVID**

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**Veterans Post**



**When the Scammer Is a Doctor**

Mostly you think of scammers who steal as lowlifes, but it's not always the case. Sometimes they're well-educated professionals who have a lot to lose when they're caught.

Take the case of the doctor who took money that was meant to go to those who'd suffered severe traumatic injuries. The co-conspirators would coax others to create fake claims for injuries in exchange for a portion of the proceeds.

Enter the doctor who, in exchange for

a kickback, would verify that the injuries and disabilities existed and sign off on the application for the claim, sometimes saying he'd actually seen the person making the claim. Or he would provide the medical records of others to those who were submitting fake claims.

The other nine co-conspirators included a nurse and a former Navy mechanic. They kept the scam going for at least three years. The various charges included fraud, wire fraud and making a false claim.

This wasn't a short-term scam; it went on long enough that one wonders whether in all that time the doctor thought about how he got to that point.

This is the same man who, serving in Iraq, climbed onto a roof in 2007 to help a tiny infant who wasn't breathing properly, evacuated the baby via helicopter under sniper fire, and got him into surgery in a hospital. The baby was saved and back home in a week.

It's hard to reconcile the image of that doctor with his participation in a theft scam that only netted him \$180,000 over three years. And now he's potentially facing 20 years in prison.

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**Save Money and Stay Healthy**

As grocery prices continue to rise, you might be wondering how to prioritize your grocery budget when it comes to buying organic produce. The most helpful tool for making informed choices is the Environmental Working Group's annual Dirty Dozen and Clean 15 lists.

The Dirty Dozen is a list of the top 12 fruits and vegetables that are most likely to contain high levels of pesticide residue. This year's list includes strawberries, spinach, kale, nectarines, apples, grapes, peaches, cherries, pears, tomatoes, celery and potatoes.

The Clean 15, on the other hand, is a list of the 15 fruits and vegetables that are least likely to contain pesticide residue. This year's list includes avocados, sweet corn, pineapple, onions, papaya, frozen sweet peas, eggplant, asparagus, broccoli, cabbage, kiwi, cauliflower, mushrooms, honeydew melon and cantaloupe.

It's important to emphasize, just because a fruit or vegetable is on the Dirty Dozen list

**ANIMAL CRACKERS**

By Fred Wagner



**Lucky Lotto News**

**Gift to Teen is a Big Winner**

Do you ever give someone a simple scratch-off lottery ticket as a gift and cross your fingers that they get lucky enough to win even five dollars? Well, one 18-year-old's grandmother was probably just as shocked as he was after he hit it big on the ticket that she gifted him for his birthday. According to the California Lottery, Kaleb Heng, from Northern California, won \$1 million on a California Lottery scratcher (notably titled, *The Perfect Gift!*) that his grandmother bought him as a birthday present for the first day he was legally allowed to play the lottery. "I'm pretty stoked!" Heng said before explaining exactly where he was when he discovered he had just become a millionaire. "My mom was driving me to go fishing, and on the way, I scratched it. We had to pull over. It was a million dollars, and I didn't even have an ID yet!" the 18-year-old explained. "We turned around and went home because I had to get an ID before I could even claim the ticket." Heng told the California Lottery that he plans on using the million dollars to go to college and make investments for his future.

**Florida Mom Wins Big**

A Florida mom who dipped into her life savings to help support her daughter through cancer treatment recently got a big payday. After buying a ticket at a local store in Lakeland, Geraldine Gimblet won a \$2 million prize, the Florida Lottery announced. What made it even more special? She bought it shortly after her daughter completed her last cancer treatment. "The day before my mom bought this ticket, I rang the bell and walked out of the hospital after completing my last treatment for breast cancer," her daughter, who was in tears when she spoke to lottery officials, said. Gimblet's daughter was emotional as she shared why her mother was so deserving. "My mom had taken out her life savings to take care of me when I was sick," she said, adding that she's "just

so happy for her!" Gimblet purchased the winning scratch-off ticket from Pipkin Road Beverage Castle and said that it was the last crossword game they had that day. "At first the gas station clerk thought there were no tickets left, but I asked him to double check because I like the crossword games the best," she told lottery officials. "He found the last one!" Gimblet chose the one-time payment of \$1,645,000 for her prize.

**Twenty Tickets, Twenty Wins**

A Virginia man bought 20 tickets for a single Pick 4 lottery drawing and won 20 times, for a total prize of \$100,000. The Virginia Lottery said Fekru Hirpo of Alexandria bought 20 tickets for the March 8 Pick 4 drawing with the number combination 2-5-2-7. Each of Hirpo's tickets won a \$5,000 top prize in the drawing, for a total prize of \$100,000. Hirpo said he doesn't usually buy large amounts of identical tickets for Pick 4, but he had a strong feeling about the March 8 drawing.

**Missed Powerball by One Number**

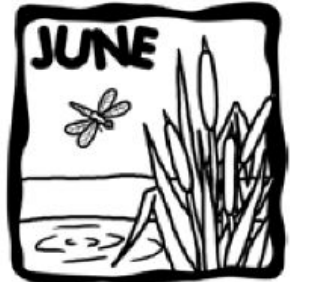
In February, one lucky lottery player took home the record-breaking Powerball jackpot, but apparently, there were almost two big winners. California lottery officials announced recently that a woman by the name of Ana Contreras missed splitting the jackpot by just one number. Her ticket, sold at Stucs Dairy in Gardena, California, was off by just one number, making Edwin Castro the sole winner of the \$2.04 billion prize. But Contreras definitely didn't go home empty-handed, as her ticket was still worth over a million dollars, \$1,149,661 to be exact.

**top ten**

**Smallest Countries OF THE WORLD (LAND AREA)**

1. Vatican City
2. Monaco
3. Nauru
4. Tuvalu
5. San Marino
6. Liechtenstein
7. Marshall Islands
8. Saint Kitts & Nevis
9. Maldives
10. Malta

Source: Statista.com



**top ten**

**MOST COMMON Animal Phobias**

1. Spiders
2. Snakes
3. Wasps
4. Birds
5. Mice
6. Fish
7. Bees
8. Dogs
9. Caterpillars and other insects
10. Cats

Source: The Travel Almanac



Group of bingo players excited for their win at Red Rock!

**The Garden Bug Candytuft**

This showy beauty usually has white flowers, but sometimes pink or lilac varieties are available. It can grow up to 18 inches tall. The candytuft likes very well-drained, alkaline soil, lots of sun and does well in most zones in the U.S. It likes stony or gravelly areas, making it a great plant for a rock garden or along a rock wall. It blooms early spring through summer, and sometimes will bloom again in autumn. — Brenda Weaver

Source: [gardeningknowhow.com](http://gardeningknowhow.com)

**TODAY'S BINGO BUGLE FORECAST:**

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# BOB ON BINGO

By Bob Whittmore

## The Strangest Email of All

Well, it's that time of year again, weddings and better weather, graduations and vacations. And, in the mailbox (bingo@earthlink.net) I found a letter that has to be the most unusual I have received during the more than 22 years you and I have gotten together each month for your regular meetings, here in *The Bingo Bugle*.

The mail comes from Landro Elmsworth of Brewster, Kansas. Here goes: "Dear Bob, I recently saw a copy of your reports in a free newspaper at a Bingo hall in a city I passed through on the way home from vacation. I must tell you that not much goes on around Brewster, Kansas. So, when I was on the road and passed by a big hall that said BINGO on the outside, I thought I would stop and play."

"I am in my 50s and—not bragging—I have several college degrees. My friends have nicknamed me, 'Mr. Science.' So, when I walked into the hall I ASSUMED

that I would have no problem learning how to play. But, just wait...

"When I went in, I saw a long table covered with colored sheets. I was told that I could play a lot of games or a few games. I made the mistake of buying one of everything, not realizing that there is a limit as to how fast you can mark your cards although I did see some people who seemed to mark their cards with lightning speed.

"The first problem I had was that the sound system in the hall was intermittent. I had to strain to hear the numbers. Sometimes I know I marked the wrong numbers. And, although people who play at that hall regularly know all the games and the patterns, the hall did a horrible job of introducing each game and explaining the pattern. And, speaking of patterns, many of the games had more than a dozen ways you could win.

"I am sure I won from time to time but didn't realize it. And, worst of all, no one told me that there is a limit as to how hard you can push on a dauber before you ruin your clothing.

"But my biggest confusion was on the so-called COVER-ALL game. I was doing well and noticed that I had covered far more numbers than anyone around me. Then, the worst thing happened, before the game was over, I RAN OUT OF NUMBERS ON ONE OF MY CARDS! But I am going back. The food was good."

ANNOUNCEMENT: I am personally going to give a prize to the BEST BINGO CALLER or MANAGER or CAGE WORKER in America. Send your nominations to: bingo@earthlink.net with your reasons for nominating that person. See you next month, Old Bob.



## Jealous Players are a Drag

Dear Aunt Bingo,

I know you get lots of letters from people who say that cheating is going on at their Bingo halls. Have you ever gotten a letter from someone who has been accused of cheating? Because that's what is happening to me right now.

I have had some good luck lately. I also have a handful of friends and one relative that work at the Bingo where I have been winning. Two times now people have muttered sarcastic things just loud enough for me to hear that my winnings are suspicious, and I have someone "helping" me win.

It is smid and upsterng and is ruining my good luck and love of Bingo. I stand in line

just like everyone else. I pay my money just like everyone else. I am handed my Bingo paper pads just like everyone else—I am doing nothing out of the ordinary that people could observe and say is suspicious and cheating. What would you do?  
—M.R.M., via e-mail

Dear M.R.M.,

My advice? Ignore it. Hopefully you have Bingo buddies there who support you and know that you are an honest person who is having a lucky streak. And isn't that what we are all there for? To win!

These people who are accusing you are simply mean-spirited and jealous and are doing what they can to diminish your enjoyment at winning. If you give in to them, then they have achieved their goal. If you ignore them—safe in the knowledge that you are winning fair and square—then you have won again, and they have failed.

There will always be unhappy people who can only feel good about themselves by dragging down those around them. They do not deserve a moment of our attention. So, don't give them any! —Aunt Bingo

Write to Aunt Bingo c/o the Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or e-mail her at tara@bingobugle.com.



### The Garden Bug Dogwood trees

The dogwood has graceful blossoms and distinctive bark, and also attracts wildlife. Silk moths and several species of butterflies favor dogwoods as hosts. The flowers provide nectar to many pollinating insects. American robins, northern mockingbirds and sparrows will build nests on its horizontal branches. Many birds eat its berries, including cardinals, titmice, bluebirds, juncos and waxwings. —Brenda Weaver

Source: www.birdsandblooms.com

## Wishing Well®

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

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## Let's Get Ready for Father's Day

Got your neckties wrapped? Picked out that perfect mug (coffee or beer) for Dad? Don't forget the card!

Here comes Father's Day! There are some interesting tidbits about Father's Day, though to be honest, not that many. In addition to the scant anecdotes, I'll also provide some tips on gifts for dear ol' Dad. Make it a special day because there's no one quite like Dad.

Trivia time! -- The first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington. It was initiated by a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, who wanted to honor her father, a Civil War veteran who raised six children on his own after his wife died in childbirth.

-- In Thailand, Father's Day is celebrated on December 5, which is the birthday of King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who was regarded as the father of the nation.

-- In Brazil, Father's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in August, and it's common for families to get together for a big barbecue (I believe this is a common celebration in the

US as well. Invite me to a big barbecue and I will show up. I'm not a father. I will bring a covered dish.)

-- One of the most popular gifts for Father's Day is a necktie. According to one story, the tradition started in the 1920s when a department store in New York City ordered too many ties for Father's Day and had to come up with a way to sell them all.

-- In the United States, Father's Day is the fourth-largest card-sending occasion, with approximately 72 million cards exchanged each year.

And now, on to some traditional and some fun gifts for Dad.

--Bacon-scented candles: For the bacon-loving dad, you can get him a candle that smells like his favorite breakfast food.

--DIY beer making kit: If your dad enjoys beer, you can get him a DIY beer-making kit, so he can make his own brew at home.

--A remote-control holder: If your dad is always losing the remote, you can get him a remote-control holder. There are both practical and humorous versions available in the usual online shopping destinations.

--Unique and funny t-shirts are popular. Some ideas: A "Dad Joke Loading" tee for those funny dads, or a "World's Best Father" tee, or perhaps a "Grill Sergeant" BBQ apron. You can probably think of better puns, or use an insider family joke, or even better — a sweet saying your family uses to express their love for each other.

--A necktie (did I even need to include this?).

--I know mugs are common, but how about a nice water bottle? They have water bottles that are insulated and will keep water cold for hours, others include a filter so the water tastes fresh, and there are super fancy water bottles that can infuse flavors into the water without adding calories. It's always good to stay hydrated.

Regardless of the gift, the most important thing is to spend quality time with your father and let him know how much he means to you. Happy Father's Day!

# HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD** — Austin Butler is taking on his first film project since his Oscar-nominated performance as Elvis Presley in *Elvis*. His current project *City On Fire* will likely be a three-part franchise (if the film hits big), since it's based on a best-selling book in a trilogy by Don Winslow. The film mixes elements from three Greek tragedies — *The Iliad*, *Odyssey* and *Aeneid* — and translates them to two contemporary criminal empires, one Irish and the other Italian, with a modern-day Helen of Troy plot.

Butler's got *Dune: Part Two* coming Nov. 3, and then *The Bikeriders* (which had a two-month shoot from October to December).

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## Micro Crossword Answer

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## SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION

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#### WORLD'S LARGEST STADIUMS

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- Rungnado 1st Of May Stadium, Pyongyang, North Korea
- Michigan Stadium, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Beaver Stadium, State College, Pennsylvania
- Ohio Stadium, Columbus, Ohio
- Kyle Field, College Station, Texas
- Tiger Stadium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, Tennessee
- Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium, Austin, Texas
- Bryant-Denny Stadium, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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# GOOD to KNOW

Help From the Red Cross

In November 2022, Jim Cheatham was stationed across the country from his family when his grandmother's health began to quickly decline.

"It became very obvious that she was not going to make it to the end of the year," said Beth Cheatham, Jim's mother. "My son had leave planned and approved for Christmas and I became very afraid that he would not be able to say goodbye, so we reached out to the American Red Cross Hero Care Network to bring him home early."

One of the many ways the American Red Cross supports U.S. service members is through the Hero Care Network, which is available 24 hours a day. When a service member or their family member initiates an emergency message Red Cross staff work with the family and appropriate professionals to verify the emergency. Emergencies include the illness/injury or death of an immediate family member, as well as birth messages.

"Within 24 hours, I had put in the request, my son was on a plane the next day," said Beth. "We knew time was of the essence and for it to move that quickly gave us comfort that he was going to get home in time."

U.S. military service members and their families can initiate a request for Red Cross emergency assistance and track its progress from anywhere in the world.

"I would do anything to get the word out about the Hero Care Network. Having my son home to have special memories with his grandmother and to hold her hand and get this opportunity to say goodbye. It's something that he and I will always treasure."

**Learn More:** For more information on the Hero Care Network and how you can help, or to initiate an emergency message, you can call the Red Cross at 1-877-272-7337, visit www.redcross.org/cem, or download the Hero Care app.

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Now here's a tip! by Jo Ann Derson

\* Rub hands with lemon slices to get rid of onion or fish smells. Afterward, you can put the lemon slices down your garbage disposal unit with a few ice cubes to get rid of smells there, too.

\* Here's a great way to get a longer life out of a bar of soap: Press the plastic top of a pop bottle into the side of a wet bar of soap. When you set the bar down in your soap dish, put it plastic side down. This way, the bar doesn't sit in any residual water and turn into a goopy mush. The plastic top comes out easily if you need to remove it. —Y.P. in Illinois

\* Nylon stocking strips are great and work really well in the garden. If you have a pair that has a run, chop them up into pieces. You can use them to tie up staked plants, as they are strong but gentle enough to not cause any harm. —E.S. in Wisconsin

\* Reduce your energy costs of drying clothes by hanging heavy items (think towels, throw blankets, jeans, sweats) for a few hours to air dry before popping them in the dryer. You can cut the drying time by as much as two-thirds, and still get that tumble-dried softness. —M.N. in Missouri

\* Renew your paintbrushes with this trick: Heat vinegar to boiling. Pour into a tall, narrow container that won't melt. Add hardened brushes, bristle side down. Stick a pencil through the hole in the paintbrush handle and balance it across the top of the container. It keeps the bristles from bending in the bottom of the container. Let brushes soak until vinegar is cooled. Use a wire brush to clean.

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

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to Your good health WITH Dr. Keith Roach

I am having trouble finding a reliable recommendation for the daily supplement zinc. I purchased 50-mg pills, but I think this may be too much. I am 74 and female, and I would like to include zinc in my daily supplements, as my hair has begun thinning quite a bit straight down the top of my head. —R.M.

ANSWER: Zinc is an important nutrient, and it is certainly true that zinc deficiency may lead to hair loss. However, most people with hair loss do not have a zinc deficiency, and there is no convincing data that giving extra zinc to a person with normal zinc levels will help with hair loss. Hair loss along the midline is consistent with female pattern hair loss, which is very common among women in their 70s and usually has nothing to do with zinc.

Very high amounts of zinc supplementation can be dangerous (and impair your body's ability to absorb other trace metals such as copper), but 50 mg is a safe amount. Still, the most effective therapies for female pattern hair loss include minoxidil (usually topical, but low-dose oral is increasingly used), spironolactone and finasteride. A dermatologist is the expert on hair loss and can give you a better diagnosis by exam than I can by your description.

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 1oYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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