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# \$91,069 DUAL ACTION BINGO



Charmaine M. won the Dual Action 3pm Session at **Rampart Casino** on the 34th number, taking home a big win of \$91,069! Rampart Casino has a 316-seat Bingo Room, offering six sessions from 11am-9pm Sunday-Thursday and seven sessions from 11am - 11pm Friday-Saturday. Congratulations to the big winner!

# **\$50,000 SUPER BINGO**



Pam from Massachusetts won \$50,000 at Plaza Hotel & Casino's Super Bingo in October. While the win is obviously great...what makes this win even more spectacular is that it comes one year to the day from when Pam suffered a heart attack while attending last year's October Super Bingo event at the Plaza. See page 2 for full story.

# **FAMILY BINGO!**



Mom and daughter Pricilla and Jill B. hit it big at bingo at Virgin River Casino. Congratulations to the dynamic duo! Virgin River has daily sessions on the odd hours starting at 9am to 11pm. Come by and try your luck!



# Super Bingo Winner Celebrates Jackpot and Life After Heart Attack

Super Bingo at the Plaza



Pam from Massachusetts won \$50,000 today at the Plaza Hotel & Casino's Super Bingo Tournament. While the win is obviously great... what makes this win even more spectacular is that it comes one year to the day from when Pam suffered a heart attack while attending last year's October Super Bingo event at the Plaza. She has played Super Bingo at

called "poults," while adult males are called

"toms" or "gobblers." and adult females

are called "hens." Baby turkeys are often

5. Turkeys and Benjamin Franklin: Benjamin Franklin once wrote a letter to his daughter

in which he humorously suggested that the

wild turkey would be a more suitable symbol for the United States than the bald eagle. He described the turkey as "a bird of courage"

and "a true original Native of America." 6. Turkeys Can Change Color: The skin

on a turkey's head and neck can change

color, ranging from red to white to blue,

depending on its mood. This color-changing

ability is often used in communication

Social Birds: Turkeys are social animals

and live in flocks. They have a hierarchical social structure where dominant males, or

toms, compete for the attention of hens

8. Turkevs Have Excellent Vision: Turkevs

have a wide field of vision, approximately

270 degrees, which helps them detect

predators from almost any angle. However,

9. Turkeys Can Run Fast: Although they are

not known for their speed, domestic turkeys

can run at speeds of up to 20-25 miles per

hour. This is their primary means of escape

10. Turkey Trots: The term "turkey trot"

refers to a dance that was popular in the

early 20th century. It is characterized by fast,

syncopated steps, somewhat mimicking the

11. Turkeys Have a Beard: Male turkeys,

known as toms or gobblers, often have a

beard, which is a cluster of long, coarse

feathers on their chest. This beard can grow

12. Turkey Talk: The distinctive gobble of a

male turkey can be heard from a mile away.

It's used to attract females during mating

season and establish dominance among

Now go forth and impress your friends and

family with your amazing knowledge of

turkeys. They'll probably cheer, applaud,

and give you a medal...a turkey-shaped

awkward, ierky movements of a turkey.

their vision is less effective in low light.

eferred to as "chicks."

among turkeys.

from predators

up to 12 inches long.

during mating season.

the Plaza for the past four years - attending typically two tournaments a year - but last year, her bingo playing abruptly ended when she was admitted to Valley Hospital for a heart attack. Thankfully, she fully recovered and came back this year. And today, she not only celebrates her one year anniversary of recovering from her heart attack but also a \$50,000 bingo jackpot!

Super Bingo at the Plaza draws nearly 1,000 people from across the country for a three-day tournament held nine times a year. The next one will be held Nov. 27-29 during which Clark County residents who register can bring a friend for free. Visit the link below for more info: plazahotelcasino.com/bingo/super-bingo







# Just in Time for Thanksgiving-It's Fun **Turkey Facts!**

Turkeys are interesting big birds with some fun facts worth knowing. While you're waiting on your holiday bird to bake, or the Tofurky to cool, enjoy these fascinating tidbits of turkey trivia:

- 1. Turkeys and Thanksgiving: Turkeys are a central part of Thanksgiving celebrations in the United States. Each year, millions of turkeys are consumed on Thanksgiving Day. President Abraham Lincoln is often credited with establishing Thanksgiving as a national holiday in the United States in 1863.
- 2. Turkeys Are Symbolic in Other Cultures: Turkeys are not only associated with Thanksgiving in the United States. In Mexico, the ocellated turkey is considered sacred by the ancient Maya, and in some cultures, they symbolize abundance and good fortune
- 3. Turkeys Can Fly: Contrary to the common belief that turkeys can't fly, they can indeed fly, but only for short distances. Wild turkeys are quite agile flyers and can fly at speeds of up to 55 miles per hour for short bursts.
- 4. Turkey Lingo: A group of turkeys is called a "rafter" or a "gang." Young turkeys are HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Mom Rhoda L. and daughter Lori C. of Oregon stopped for a quick photo at The Plaza Casino Tuesday.



Rampart had a \$10,000 Bonus Coverall winner on the 48th number. The lucky local winner wanted to remain anonymous; however, pictured here is "Slim," Rampart's mascot to represent the big win! Congratulations!



Green Valley Ranch Bingo and family celebrates Dan's 81st Birthday! Happy birthday, Dan from the Bingo Bugle!



By Bob Whittmore

# **Super Bingo Trouper**

I have always thought that one of the really fun things about playing Bingo are daubers. We take them for granted von know. Generally, daubers are all nearly the same size. There are, though, some that are a bit larger and some are what you might call tiny. The ink used in most daubers is non-

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

Although her cards were daubed with some really odd colors, her system seemed to work well until one night. While she had the tops off two of her daubers, someone came by and accidentally bumped into her chair. Suddenly, she had dauber ink all over her dress and the table and herself. Worse still, she got it all over her hands and face and her Bingo cards were splashed with ink

It took a good week for her to finally wash the last traces of ink from her face.

The neat thing was that she took it in stride. She asked for some help in cleaning up the mess and then went on as if nothing had happened. She was a real BINGO TROUPER. It is people like Gloria who provide the kind of memories that allow all of us to have wonderful stories to tell about the game we love the best.

If you have a minute, take a deep breath and close your eyes and think of all the special people you have met over the years at Bingo. Sadly, for some of us many of them aren't around anymore. But they entered our lives and made them better and more fun and gave us wonderful memories.

My most vivid memory is of my Grandmother. She was my dad's mother and the only grandparent I knew. The other three had died before I was born. It was she who brought me to Bingo back in 1957, back BEFORE

daubers, when we marked our cards with kernels of corn. She had survived the Great Depression on a bottomland farm in rural Indiana. She had raised four sons and seen them go on to better lives. She deserved a little rest and relaxation. Bingo was HER game. I can still see her smile, even when she didn't win.

Next month we'll be checking the mailbox bingo@earthlink.net.



# Gaming News

Slots Are Popular Online Too

How big is online casino gambling? Gross gaming revenue (GGR) in the only six states that allow internet gaming is approaching a half-billion dollars. A month. One of them is Delaware, which grosses about \$1 million. The biggies are Michigan and New Jersey, which flip-flop back and forth for most monthly GGR at \$150 million, give or take 10%, and Pennsylvania is always a close third. Another indication of internet gaming popularity is the number of slot games available. According to PlayMichigan's count, Michigan's fifteen online casinos offer an astounding 8,958 of them. Three of the casinos-BetMGM, BetRivers and WynnBet-feature more than 1,000 each, with more than 350 progressive jackpots

### Last Minute Change Nets Big Win

A Tampa. Florida woman's last-minute change to her recent bet at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino led to a \$1,253,321.04 win on a \$12.50 bet, the casino said, "She decided to put one last bill in the machine before she left and changed her bet from \$5.00 to \$12.50 and won BIG!" The slot game the woman played was the Dollar

### Virginia Gets Gaming Boost

Virginia is collecting more tax revenue from sports betting and casinos than fiscal analysts predicted four years ago when the state was considering legalizing more types of gambling. Taxes from sports ting more than doubled in fiscal year 2023, according to recent Virginia Lottery figures, jumping to \$67 million from \$27 million the prior year. Four years ago, a state gambling study predicted Virginia earth and wind.

could see up to \$55 million in annual tax revenue from sports betting once the industry was "fully developed." The revenue increase was driven largely by a recent tax policy change that prevented established sports betting companies like FanDuel and DraftKings from deducting the cost of free bet promotions and other wagering bonuses from their state tax bill. However, the total amount Virginians wagered on sports betting also grew, rising from roughly \$4.2 billion in fiscal year 2022 to \$5.1 billion in fiscal year 2023. Virginia lawmakers voted to legalize sports betting in 2020, and digital sports betting platforms went live in the state in early 2021. "You can see pretty clearly a sharp growth trend in collections for the first three years," former Virginia Lottery Executive Director Kelly Gee said during a presentation to the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee. "It's impossible to know if this activity will continue at this rate." Gee said. "But it's an impressive start by all measures."

## New ND Casino Moves Ahead

The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation along with 4 Bears Casino, DSGW Architecture and Woodstone Inc., recently announced the ground blessing for the new Son of Star Casino in White Shield. The 37,000-square-foot casino, which is set to open in 2026, will be just south of the powwow grounds. It will feature 230 slot machines, six table games, a sports book, poker room, restaurant, gift shop, campground and coffee shop. Future phases include a convenience store, hotel and event center. The casino is designed to reflect the culture and traditions of the MHA Nation The exterior of the building will feature a traditional Native American design, and the interior will be decorated with Native American art and artifacts. The casino interior design will feature four quadrants of natural elements representing fire, water,



# **Getting Creative** with Carrots

Dear Annie

My Mother-in-law loves carrots. Her birthday is in November and I would like to make her something special. Please help me find a new recipe to surprise her.

—Connie D. from Florida

Dear Comie,

Here are two of my favorite carrot recipes. Hope your "MIL" likes them too

## CASSEROLE CARROTS

1/2 stick butter 1/2 onion, chopped 1 green pepper, chopped 1 cup grated cheese (Velveeta or

Boil carrots in salted water until soft. Mash with a potato masher. Chop 1/2 onion and pepper and cook in butter until tender. Add the carrots. Put in a pie plate and sprinkle with the grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until brown



Beat eggs lightly, add cream, sugar, salt and pepper. Add carrots and almonds. Thoroughly grease ring mold and fill with carrot mixture. Pour the butter on top Put mold in pan of water and cook at 350 degrees for 30 minute or until set. Fill center with peas, lima beans, etc. Serves

Your comments and questions about cooking and entertaining will be addressed in this monthly column. Write to "Ask Annie" c/o Annie Ennis 17050 SE 91st Culvert Court, The Villages, FL 32162. So Ask Annie. Don't forget you can E-mail me at aennis@thevillages.net And let's get cooking.



# The Bucknoll

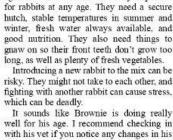
# Cottage Chronicles by Mary Lowengard

Sex and the City meets Under the Tuscan Sun - but no sex no city and in the Poconos. A wild ride following the author's journey that begins with her impulse purchase of a little more of a country house (aka cottage) than she really needed.

In for the penny, in for the pound, she relays her tales of fixing it up and entertaining house guests, in addition to battling bugs, supporting the local economy (rodeo, anyone?), and dealing with the vicissitudes of weather, storage, gardening, yoga, installing an illegal clothesline and

This book will give readers a greater appreciation for the joys and challenges of country living. What else is in it for you? A cautionary tale, a good story and a hearty





DEAR PAWS: I have a pet rabbit

Brownie, who is nearly 10 years old! He's

a Holland Lop, I think. He doesn't do much

at this age but sort of half-heartedly flop

around his cage and the porch, then he settles

onto the raised shelf in his cage and nibbles

on carrots. He seems healthy, just slow, How

much longer does he have left? Do you think

he's lonely? - Vicky R., Macon, Georgia

DEAR VICKY: First of all, wow! Ten

years is quite a lifespan for a Holland Lop

It's a testament to how well you care for him.

While the average lifespan of this rabbit

breed is six to eight years, I have heard of

H-Lops reaching 10, 12 or even 16 years of age! Care and comfort are really important

behavior or ability to get around. It sounds like you're a little concerned that he isn't moving around as much. Contacting the vet within 48 hours is a good rule for any changes in behavior, diet or activity for rabbits and other small pets

Send your questions, tips or comments to ask@

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# By Samantha Weaver

- ★ The small dots on strawberries are known as "drupelets" and are not seeds, as often thought, but do contain seeds.
- ★ A dog named Chickie seemed like anything but man's best friend when she chewed up her owner's passport just days before his wedding in Italy. Fortunately, with a little help from local lawmakers as well as the community, a new one was issued in time for the nuptials to take place. As for Chickie, she was later given a mock "pupster passport"!
- ★ Culinary icon Ina Garten, aka the "Barefoot Contessa," was a nuclear policy analyst for the White House before embarking on a career in cookery
- A roll-on deodorant ball was the inspiration for Apple's first mouse
- ★ Despite their widely different climates, Alaska and Hawaii share a highest recorded temperature of 100 F
- Popular video game character Super Mario's original name was Jumpman. He was rechristened in honor of Mario Segale, Nintendo of America's landlord
- \* A 2016 study by Yale University found that people over the age of 50 who read books for more than three and a half hours per week had a 20% lower mortality risk over a 12-year period than nonbook
- ★ To own a rabbit in Queensland, Australia. you must first prove you'll display it for an acceptable purpose
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# Ask and Ye Shall Receive — A Poker Hand Made for TV

By Chad Holloway

Poker Hall of Famer Tom McEvoy famously said: "No-limit hold'em: Hours of boredom followed by moments of sheer

What he meant is that the game is usually slow and methodical, filled with folding lots of hands, but eventually two big hands will collide, and that's when the fun begins! Some of those hands are fairly standard and go down without much fanfare, but sometimes they happen in big spots with cameras rolling, making them perfect for a television audience.

One such hand happened on Day 5 of the €5,300 buy-in 2023 PokerStars European Poker Tour (EPT) in Barcelona, Spain, a tournament that attracted 2,120 entries and awarded a €10.282,000 prize pool, which included a €1,134,375 top prize.

With 21 players remaining, everyone was guaranteed €47,800 in prize money, but of course they all had their eyes affixed on an even bigger score. In Level 27 (30,000/60,000/60,000), Australia's Van Marcus raised to 140,000 under the gun and Canada's Santiago Plante three-bet all in.

THEN WE'LL PACK A

Marcus, who had about 1.2 million behind, hit the tank long and hard. For those Amber Waves

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**♥IRLA** 

♥ RCA

**♥** EGSAT

**♥**ILE

CELORI

HICRA

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.

♥ OLTO

CADLIP

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GULCON

FIRST WE'LL EXPLORE THE MEADOW AND THEN

who don't know, "tanking" in poker refers to going into deep contemplation over a decision, a time period that usually lasts a minute or longer. If a player takes too long there are some well-documented tanks in poker lasting nearly 20 minutes - the other players have the opportunity to call a clock at any point, meaning tournament officials will usually give the tanker one final minute to act. If they fail to do so by the time the clock ticks down, their hand is dead.

In this instance, players were competing with a shot clock (i.e. they had a predetermined amount of time to act), and Marcus used six time extensions before calling off with the AcQc. He had a 33.65 percent chance of winning the hand as Plante was ahead with the QhQs, which was a 65.1% favorite. The two would split the pot a mere 1 24% of the time.

"Ace of diamonds. Show me one time." Marcus said when he saw he was against

The 6hKh10d flop didn't deliver the ace of diamonds, but it did give Marcus a gutshot straight draw to a jack. Even so, his odds of winning dropped to 25.86% while Plante became a 73.03% favorite.

"I'm feeling the ace of diamonds. Right here." Marcus reiterated.

That is when the dealer delivered on Marcus's request by burning and turning the Ad! Just like that he paired his ace and jumped into an 88.64% lead while Plante could only win with the case queen, which would appear 2.27% of the time. If a jack appeared on the river, which had a 9.09% chance of happening, both players would make a straight and chop the pot.

However, the 2c river changed nothing and Marcus earned the much-needed double "Is that going to make it on TV?" he asked. Chances are that it will as it was one of those entertaining hands made for television

Chad Holloway is a 2013 World Series of Poker bracelet winner and Executive Editor USA for PokerNews.com. Follow him on Twitter: @ ChadAHolloway.

by Dave T. Phipps

\_THAT COMES TO AN END AND SO STARTS THE NIGHTMARE.

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THEN SWIM IN THE POND ALL DAY LONG, SUMMER IS JUST LIKE A DREAM.

is no charge.

Shirley Temple pin

By Russell Myers



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Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

O: I recently inherited what I think is

an original Shirley Temple doll from my

grandmother's estate. What can you tell me

A: In the 1930s during the Depression,

toddler Shirley Temple was credited with

keeping spirits up and movie theaters afloat.

Dolls made in her image were also popular.

They were first licensed and made by Ideal

Novelty and Toy Co. of New York in 1934,

and they are still popular with collectors. Early dolls were made with a mixture of

glue, sawdust and other materials called

1957. Shirley Temple composition dolls from the 1930s have sold recently for about

\$50 to over \$1,000. Price is determined

by the doll's size, costume, condition and

whether it has its original tags, box and script

TIP: Don't turn on the porch light if you

will be gone for a long time. It tells everyone

that you are away. Install a photocell light

that automatically turns on at dusk and off

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Komments. Terry Kovel writes about the latest

news, tips, questions and her views of the market,

If you register on our website, kovels.com, there

composition." Vinyl dolls were made after

about it?





"We can't all he heroes; someone has to sit -Roy Rogers

Most Americans consume 105 pounds of turkey per year. That means you have habit that annoys me no end. A sinkie dines the rest of November and December to reach your quota. Ben Franklin called them birds of bad moral character. My father agreed and would not eat turkey under any circumstances. Therefore, the only turkey my family ate was at someone else's house to eat is not my cup of tea. I think he does it and we didn't miss its absence. Did you know wild turkeys can fly short distances at up to 55 miles/hour; but grocery store be forgiven on Thanksgiving evening. The turkeys are bred to provide more meat with large breasts that hinder flying. Turkeys have over 20 vocalizations including a distinctive gobble by males that can be heard a mile away; females make a clicking noise almost like a purr. Tom turkeys have more warts than their female counterparts who weigh half as much as males. Score two points for all lady turkeys. Anyway, whether a turkey fan or not, Thanksgiving is a time to remember all for which we are thankful. And as my annual tradition dictates, I say thank you to my Bingo Bugle publisher, those who include my column in their monthly

# HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD - Priscilla's Revenge is the new nickname for Sofia Coppola's biopic of Priscilla Presley, as it is somewhat of a rebuttal to Baz Lurhmann's Elvis (\$288.7 million gross and eight Oscar nominations, including one for its Elvis, Austin Butler). The Venice Film Festival audience afforded a tremendous ovation for Priscilla. In a Venice news conference, Priscilla even took the mic to say, "It's very difficult to sit and watch a film about you and about your life and about your love. I think Sofia did an amazing job.

She also expanded on how Priscilla tells her side of the story. "It was very difficult for my parents to understand that Elvis would be so interested in me and why. And I really do think [it was] because I was more of a listener," she explained. "Elvis would pour his heart out to me in every way in Germany: his fears, his hopes, the loss of his mother, which he never got over. That was really our connection. People think, 'Oh, it was sex. Not at all. I never had sex with him [then] He was very kind, very soft, very loving, but he also respected the fact I was only 14 years old. We were more in mind, in thought, and that was our relationship.

In addition, the Venice Film Festival gave rave reviews to Cailee Spaeny as Priscilla and Euphoria star Jacob Elordi as Elvis. This has elevated Elordi to the status of a sex symbol, as mobs of girls went wild outside the festival screaming "Jacob, Jacob, Jacob" desperately. Judge Priscilla for yourself when it opens in theaters on Nov. 3

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Rueles to the staff who run the bingos and

to my faithful readers like my #1 fans Chris and Caroline; the Popes; my wonderful nlpvzw6172@gmail.com.

# Turkeys, Sinkies and Vets

on the curb and clap as the veterans parade

husband; and all others who encourage my efforts to inform and/or give you a laugh. All comments are encouraged and welcomed via Thanksgiving is for family get togethers, so play some bingo. Everyone can participate including kids. Keep it simple with some fun inexpensive prizes like turkey candy, turkey

hats; puzzles & games; the funnier the better. Try playing B and O bingo, marking the B and O rows only, and whoever bingos has to holler I have B.O. On other games make winners gobble or walk like a turkey. Free printable Thanksgiving bingo cards are available online at The Best Ideas for Kids Check it out. Quality time with loved ones is worth the effort and you make memories that last a lifetime November 26th is National Sinkie Day a

while standing at the sink; my husband being guilty as sin. I prepare my plate, usually head for the couch, and eat while seated. Admittedly, his crumbs and debris do hit the sink while mine fall into my lap but standing to annoy me and it works. For those sinkies who like midnight snacks, this habit migh vummy leftovers are in your fridge, Daylight Savings Time ended on November 5, so you have an extra hour to eat! Then, put your dirty utensils in the sink and no one has to watch your eating acrobatic balancing act. Don't forget Veterans Day is November 11. a federal holiday that honors ALL who have served in the United States military in war or peace; living or dead. This differs from Memorial Day held in May to honor those who died in our nation's wars. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. be blessed, and be thankful.

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# GETTIN' LUCKY IN THE Neighborhood

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# **BINGO BUGLE CROSSWORD**



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Unlisted clue hint: A PICKLE BEFORE PICKLING

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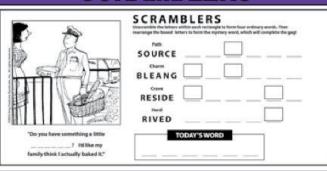
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small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

# DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

 Moderate → ◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

# **SCRAMBLERS**



# **JUMBLE**

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

Print your answer here:



# CryptoQuote

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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 ther 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.

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| 2. Talkative bird   | P     |       | Bugs Bunny's treat | c   |
| 3. Verbose          |       | D _   | Fret               | R _ |
| 4. Officer's brooch | _ A _ |       | Dislodge           | _ U |
| 5. Silver-tongued   |       | _ т   | _ Kiss             | c_  |
| 6. Originate        |       | _ N   | _ Sink money into  | s_  |
| 7. Courtroom event  |       | Α_    | Warble             | L   |
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| 9. Dishonesty       |       | _ 1 _ | _ Civilized        | N_  |
| 10. Contraption     |       | G     | Ponder             | K   |



- Planting new trees and shrubs in early fall will give them about two months to establish root systems before the ground freezes.
- Keeping all your plants, shrubs and trees well-watered throughout the fall keeps them unstressed as they approach dormancy. · Walk around your garden, taking notes as you go. What worked well this year's growing season, and what didn't? Take photos, write in a journal or perhaps use a phone app to record your observations. Are there bare areas? Enough privacy from neighbors or roadways? Are your goals being met?
- Brenda Weaver

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# GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands

the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: O equals M

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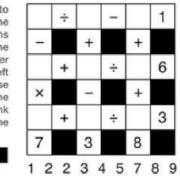
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for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout

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

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



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# **NOMELAKE** 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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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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| (7)  | otters = 6 points  |
| (8)  | others = 10 points |
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YOUR BOGGLE RATING

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

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus Find AT LEAST TEN TREES in the

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# The Complainers Club

There is a small group of people I play Bingo with. They aren't really "friends" because I only know them from Bingo, and we don't really do anything else together. But we do sit together, there's about 5 or 6 of us from one week to the next, and we've been sharing our Bingo table for at least 2

My problem is that they have grown into the biggest bunch of complainers you would never want to be anywhere near "The hall is too cold," "The hall is too hot," I can't hear the caller," "the games are so slow here, "there's too much talking." This bunch is always griping about something and I am really getting sick of it.

I was thinking of pointing this out to them, but I can imagine what would happenthey'd start griping about me either behind my back, or worse, to my face. So, I think the best thing to do is just get away from them and play by myself or with other people.

My problem is that there is really only one night when I can play Bingo and that's the night when they are all there. I like the hall and don't want to switch to another place. Any suggestions?

Ray. Ohio. via e-mail

# GOOD KNOW

## All Things Duct Cleaning

The Issue

Even with the proper use of filters, your home's heating and cooling system gets really dirty through everyday use, just as surfaces in your home get dusty over time.

All sorts of contaminants and air pollutants-bacteria, pet dander, dust, skin cells, mold, tobacco smoke, even chemicals-get pulled into an HVAC system and recirculate through the home several times a day, building up in the system.

Worse, rodents and insects can chew their way into the ductwork to travel throughout your home, build nests and leave droppings. Telltale signs include chewed materials, unpleasant smells, and bacteria contaminating the air you breathe.

All this can contribute to poor indoor air quality and major health issues, especially for those with respiratory conditions, autoimmune disorders, asthma, or allergies. The EPA says poor indoor air increases your risk of pneumonia and causes irritated eyes, nose, and throat, headaches, dizziness, and

In addition, when the system is clean, it doesn't have to work as hard so it lasts longer and uses less energy, lowering electric bills.

### A Second Issue

Getting your ducts cleaned, however, can mean another problem: Scams. The HVAC system cleaning industry is plagued with fraudulent "duct cleaners" who cause more harm than good by agitating rather than removing dust, debris, and pollutants or who charge for unneeded add-on services.

Fortunately, you can trust the members of the National Air Duct Cleaners Association (NADCA). They have technicians on staff with advanced training and certification in HVAC system cleaning, and they're required to follow higher standards.

To find qualified and certified air duct cleaning professionals, visit breathingclean.



# Looking for a Bingo Buddy divorce? Been there. And it ain't easy. I'll give you credit. You've considered a

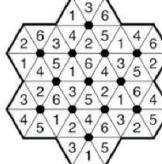
number of options. But after two years of regularly playing with this bunch I think you're going to have to bite the bullet and try not sitting with them anymore. If you like the hall and the night that you play, it seems like you should try to find a way to stick with

If you opt to sit elsewhere (like at a crowded table where they can't join you), one of them may ask you what's up. That could give you the opportunity to be honest and (as politely as possible) say they are griping too much and it makes your Bingo night less enjoyable. That will put the ball entirely in their court. Either they can say they'll lighten up and for you to come back, or they'll let you be and add you to their list of complaints. Or you could make up a reason you moved, like you prefer the view or the location is nearer to the exit, or whatever else might justify your relo. Either way, at least you won't have to listen to them anymore. -Guv

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

# **NOMELTARE**

solution



# Casino Q&A

Q: I'm a slot hopper. I enjoy moving around and playing different slots. My wife, however, insists it's better to stick with just one slot. Who's right?

A: Mathematically speaking, with today's slots it doesn't really matter which way you choose to play. Slot directors today generally order roughly the same long-term payback percentage for all of their slots in a particular denomination. So, if all slots of a given denomination pay back pretty much the same, it makes little difference whether you stick to one slot or slot hop. But slot hopping does have its advantages. By moving about, you're taking minibreaks and extending your bankroll and playing time. Playing a variety of machines also adds to your fun and enjoyment.

O: I hear it's best not to use a player's club card since the IRS can get a hold of the casino's records to see how much you've won or lost. Any truth to this?

A: No. Casinos give information to the IRS only when you hit a jackpot of \$1,200 or more on a single slot win (\$600 or more if the amount is at least 300 times the wager). The IRS is not concerned about the small wins of routine play at slot machines.

O: What is a "nudge" slot machine?

A: It's a machine that moves symbols onto the payline from just above or below after the reels have stopped spinning. The most common nudge machines are IGT's Triple and Double Diamond Deluxe. When a bar symbol with a diamond on it lands just above or below the payline, that bar symbol moves (nudges) up or down to the payline. The nudge feature makes it possible for the player to have a winning spin even if no symbols land on the payline when the reels

## Go Figure!

### Boggle BrainBusters Answers:

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# Even Exchange

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CryptoQuip

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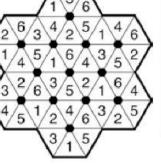
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8. Freeze, Breeze

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# **Lucky Lotto News**

Small Town Big Prize

A woman from small town in Colorado recently won herself a big lottery prize of and done, and they realized the ticket was a \$250,000 on a 100X The Cash Bonus Draw scratch ticket, according to a press release from state lottery officials. The woman, hailing from the tiny town of Cowdrey, initially thought she was being scammed, having learned about her winnings through a certified letter she received in the mail, per the release. But it wasn't a hoax. She'd actually won. As for why the news came to her that way, lottery officials explained that she didn't have a current address on file or updated phone number in her my lottery account which is why they had to reach her by certified mail to inform her of her winnings. Although she chose not to show her face when she posed with her big check from lottery officials, she knows that keeping her identity a secret won't be easy in her small town in the mountains-home to fund, the Colorado woman is "considering buying more alpacas."

### Co-Workers Win Big on Break This was one productive—and lucrative—day

at work! Kentucky co-workers Tyesha Trice and Dylan Mitchell, who are both cashiers at a Valu Market store in Louisville, won big after picking up two scratch-off tickets on their break, according to the Kentucky Lottery. "We were just messing around and decided to play," Trice told lottery officials of the mindset behind the purchases. On their first ticket, which cost \$30, the pair ended up winning \$100. The next ticket they selected was a \$50 500X scratch-off. Right away, the more expensive ticket proved it was a winner, with the pair uncovering \$500 in the first spot. "We were excited about the first win." they said in a news release. "We even did a little fist bump." However, an even bigger celebration came when all was said



(R) Taissa Farmiga, Jonas Bloquet 2. A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) Kenneth Branagh, Michelle

3. The Equalizer 3

(R) Denzel Washington, Dakota

4. My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) Nia Vardalos, John Corbett

5. Barbie (PG-13) Margot Robbie, Ryan

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(NR) Nayanthara, Shah Rukh Khan 8. Gran Turismo

(PG-13) David Harbour, Orlando

9. Oppenheimer

(R) Cillian Murphy, Emily Blunt 10. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem

(PG) Micah Abbey, Shamon Brown

winner on every spot they scratched. All in all, they won a total of \$50,000, which when split, netted each co-worker \$17,875 after taxes. To make matters even more exciting, when they claimed the winnings the next day, there was something else to celebrate: Mitchell's birthday. As for what they plan to do with the money, Mitchell said he to put it towards housing and getting a car while Trice said she'll use hers towards rent and boosting her savings

### Court Battle in New Hampshire A New Hampshire woman knew that when

she won the \$560 million Powerball lottery on January 6, she wanted her identity to remain anonymous because of the unavoidable notoriety that goes along with becoming extremely wealthy in an instant. just 27 people. In addition to opening a trust But according to lottery rules, her identity has to be revealed in order for her to receive her winnings, but she is now asking a judge to make an exception, according to the Nev Hampshire Union Leader. "She doesn't want to be a celebrity," her lawyer, William Shaheen of Shaheen and Gordon law firm told the newspaper. Although she signed the back of the winning ticket-which made her essentially lose her right to anonymityshe has filed a lawsuit against the Nev Hampshire Lottery Commission to keep her identity a secret. If the woman-who goes by Jane Doe-loses her suit, security guards are already in place for her, says Shaheen. According to The Washington Post, she is losing \$14,000 a day in interest for every day that the case is still pending. With her winnings, she plans to give a portion of it to a charitable foundation and "wishes to be a silent witness to these good works, far from the glare and misfortune that has often fallen upon other lottery winners.

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# NOVEMBER BING



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# **Veterans Post**

# **Disability Claims Lost Since 2018**

Since 2018, there have been technical problems with uploading disability claims on the Department of Veterans Affairs' website. There were no indications at the time that anything was going awry. But those claims weren't received.

When you hit the SEND button, it didn't go. Your disability claim has likely been sitting in that internet "dead zone," neither moving forward nor backward, unseen.

They found 32,000 claims sitting there unprocessed since 2018.

Having found those 32,000 claims in the dead zone, the VA is sending out letters to all affected veterans

It brings up several questions:

Did veterans file alternate claims when they didn't hear back? Did they assume they'd been denied when they received no reply? Have the veterans, unfortunately, passed away? Do the surviving spouses know their veteran had filed? And are they due any money?

At this point you don't need to do anything, they say. All affected veterans whose claims were found stuck in the system will be notified and their claims hustled through. Claims benefits will be backdated to the "stuck" date.

Unless you decide to take charge of your situation and check it out. The VA's website gives this page of instructions to file disability www.va.gov/disability/how-tofile-claim. You can file your claim online, by mail using Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits (VA Form 21-526EZ), in person when you deliver your application to a VA

Service Officer. The instruction page says that it's taking 104 days to get a decision. You can also check the status of your claim from that page. If you have trouble signing into your MyVA411 account, or creating one, you can call 800-698-2411 for help.

regional office or with help from a Veterans

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## Test Your Knowledge

1. LITERATURE: What is the name of the clown in Stephen King's horror novel It?

2. ASTRONOMY: How often does Halley's Comet appear in the Earth's sky?

. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most electoral votes in 2024?

4. MOVIES: In Jurassic Park, what kind of container is used to store stolen dinosaur

ART: Which art movement is Salvador Dali associated with?

6. AD SLOGANS: Which car manufacturer used the ad slogan "Quality is Job 1"?
7. TELEVISION: Which TV show spawned

the spinoff comedy/drama Maude? 8 FOOD & DRINK: What is the main ingredient in falafel?

9. GEOGRAPHY: What is the world's

10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are a crab's pincers called?

### ANSWERS

- 1. Pennywise.
- On average, every 76 years.
- California (54).
   A canister that looks like a Barbasol
- Shaving Cream can.
- 6. Ford Motor Company
- . All in the Family
- Chickpeas.
- 9. Roe River, Montana 10. Chelae.

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# ON EARTH

1. Lut Desert, Iran (159.3°)

| 2.  | Flaming Mountains, China      | (150°)   |
|-----|-------------------------------|----------|
| 3,  | Death Valley, California      | (134°)   |
| 4.  | Kebili, Tunisia               | (131°)   |
| 5.  | Mitribah, Kuwait              | (129°)   |
| 6.  | Tirat Tsvi, Israel            | (129°)   |
| 7.  | Turbat, Pakistan              | (128.7°) |
| 8.  | Oodnadatta, Australia         | (123°)   |
| 9.  | Rivadavia, Argentina          | (120°)   |
| 10. | Athens, Greece Source: Travel | (118.4°) |

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Match the words on the left with their meanings on the right.

1. coruscate

a. obstinate

2. redolence

b. wild

3. pertinacious

c. suffering

4. dolor

d. sparkle

5. farouche

e. fragrant

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# **Savvy Senior**

by Jim Miller

# **Preventing Falls**

Dear Savvy Senior,

My 80-year-old mother, who lives alone, has fallen several times over the past year. Are there any extra precautions you recommend that can help her with this? -

### Dear Worried.

Falls are a big concern for many elderly seniors and their families. Each year, more than 1-in-4 older Americans fall, making it the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for those age 65 and older. But many falls can be prevented. Depending on what's causing your mom to fall, here are some different tips that can help prevent it.

### ENCOURAGE EXERCISE

Weak leg muscles and poor balance are two of the biggest risk factors that cause seniors to fall. Walking, strength training and tail chi are all good for improving balance and strength, as are a number of balance exercises your mom can do anytime like standing on one foot for 30 seconds then switching to the other foot, and walking heel-to-toe across the room. For additional balance and leg strengthening exercises, see the National Institute on Aging's (NIA) Exercise and Physical Activity website at NIA.NIH.gov/health/exercise-physical-activity.

### REVIEW HER MEDICATIONS

Does your mom take any medicine, or combination of medicines, that make her dizzy, sleepy or lightheaded? If so, make a list or gather up all the drugs she takesprescriptions and over the counter-and contact her doctor or pharmacist for a drug review and adjustment

# GET A VISION TEST

Poor vision can be another contributor to falls so your mom should get her eyes checked once a year and be sure to update her eyeglasses if needed. Also be aware that if your mom wears bifocal or progressive lenses, they too can cause falls, especially when walking outside or going down steps. These lenses can affect depth perception, so she may want to get a pair of glasses with only her distance prescription for outdoor activities.

### FALL-PROOF HER HOME

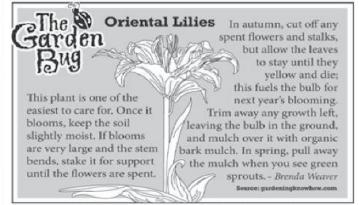
There are a number of simple household modifications you can do to make your mom's living area safer. Start by helping her arrange or move the furniture so there are clear pathways to walk through and pick-up items on the floor that could cause her to trip like newspapers, shoes, clothes, electrical or phone cords. If she has small area rugs. remove them or use double-sided tape to secure them. In the bathroom buy nonskid rugs for the floors and a rubber suction-grip mat or adhesive non-skid tape for the floor of the tub or shower, and have a carpenter install grab bars in and around the tub/shower for support. Also, make sure the lighting throughout the house is good, purchase plugin nightlights for bathrooms and hallways, and if she has stairs, put handrails on both sides. For more tips, see the NIA Fall-Proofing Your Home web page at NIA.NIH.gov/ health/fallproofing-your-home.

### CHOOSE SAFE FOOTWEAR

Going barefoot or wearing slippers or socks at home can also cause falls, as can wearing backless shoes, high heels, and shoes with smooth leather soles. The safest option for your mom is rubber-sole, low-heel shoes.

### PURCHASE SOME HELPFUL AIDS

If your mom needs some additional help getting around, get her a cane or walker. Also, to help ensure your mom's safety, and provide you some peace of mind, consider getting her a medical alert device that comes with a wearable emergency button that would allow her to call for help



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# Avoid Misplaying These Hands

After decades of playing blackiack, I can truly say I have "seen it all." For example, I watched in horror recently as a player started to double down on a 10-4 (14). The other players and I thought the player didn't understand what he was holding so we tried to explain that doubling down on a hand that could bust with one draw card was not a smart play. But our advice fell on deaf ears and he did what he wanted to do. Sure enough, he drew a picture card and busted, losing twice his original wager in the processes. As bad as that play was, trust me when I say I have seen worse. In fact, just a few days later I watched a clueless player stand on ace-4 when the dealer showed a 3. That's really bad.

I often wonder why players make such foolish plays. Usually, it's because of their ignorance about the game of blackjack. There is not much that you can do when this kind of player decides to make a foolish play other than to shake your head and hope that someday they will come to their senses and buy a book on blackiack before they run out of money.

But even experienced players often make wrong plays, not because they don't know

any better, but because intuitively they feel the right play is wrong. Case in point-being dealt a pair of 8s when the dealer shows a 9 or 10. Most players are reluctant to split because even if you draw two 10s to the split 8s for pat 18 hands, they feel you'll still probably lose two bets, instead of one, to the dealer's 19 or 20.

On average, casinos have a 2% edge over the masses that play blackjack. That's 1.5% more than a basic strategy player. This gives you some idea of how poorly the majority of the public plays a "beatable" game. What follows is a list of three hands that make most players uneasy and indecisive, and a brief explanation as to the logic behind the correct play. Hopefully, you won't make a playing error the next time you are dealt one of these uncomfortable hands.

### 8s against a 10

The right play is to split the 10s. The reason is that two hands of 8 are a much better starting point when the dealer shows a 10 then a single hand of 16. You are giving yourself two decent starting hands while breaking up the horrible 16. Both of the split 8s will lose money in the long run, however the combined losses will be less than what a single hand of 16 would lose in the long run. Yes, it's sometimes difficult to think long term when you are staring at your 8s and your ten bucks is on the felt. But the bottom line is that if you don't have the courage to make this play, then you shouldn't be playing blackiack. 12 against 2

Now here's a horrific hand! Hit it and you just know you are going to draw a 10 and bust. But it turns out you have more chances of not busting then busting when you hit (you have a 9 in 13 chance of surviving the hit). Plus, the dealer is not as vulnerable with a 2 face card as they are with a 4, 5 or 6 which is another reason why you hit 12 against a 2 (and 3) but stand against a 4, 5, and 6.

### A-7 vs 9

Most players don't think twice about standing on soft 18 when the dealer shows a 9 face card. Well think of this. If the casino offered you the proposition that they would automatically give you a pat 18 on every hand for the rest of your life, would you

take them up on it? If you did you would eventually die a small loser. The reason is the dealer's 9 face card doesn't change the situation one iota. If you stand you will win 8 out of 20 hands. If you hit until you got a soft 19, hard 17 or busted, you would win 9 out of 20 hands. The ace gives you flexibility

on a soft 18, so take advantage of it and hit. If you master the above plays you are on the way to improving your chance of winning. If you continue to make the wrong plays, well it's your money.



- 1. Mawsynram, India
- 2. Cherrapunji, India
- 3. Tutunendo, Colombia
- 4. Cropp River, New Zealand 5. San Antonio de Ureca, Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea
- 6. Debundscha, Cameroon, Africa
- 7. Big Bog, Maui, Hawaii
- 8. Mount Waialeale, Kuai, Hawaii
- 9. Kukui, Maui, Hawaii
- 10. Emei Shan, Sichuan Province, China

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

# Wrapping up the End of the Year

The end of the year is a perfect time to review where we've been in 2023 and gather some ideas about how we might do things differently next year. Saving money is at the top of many to-do lists now, especially for entertainment and groceries.

Look at all your streaming services to see which ones you might be willing to stop using. Make calls to the cellphone services around you and see who has good deals. likely with bundling. Phone plans for seniors generally have a lower cost. A surprise for me: I recently changed cellphone companies. Since I was bringing my own phone number and did not want a deal to buy a phone, I was given a \$200 promo gift card to spend anywhere.

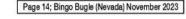
Consider the money you could save with a store affinity account. At my local grocery store, I typically accrue \$5-10 per quarter just for buying the store brand and using the coupons offered. On Walmart Plus, I often earn \$3-\$4 each

time I place online orders for free delivery to my home because of the deals and discounts that pop up on the screen. Additional Plus benefits include travel, video streaming, 10 cents per gallon saved at several gas stations and more. The first 30 days are free to try the service, with a whole year costing \$98. If you're on SNAP, Medicaid or other programs, your cost would be half that.

Take a look at 500 Great Ways to Save for Dummies by AARP. The book is on Amazon. both in paperback and for a Kindle e-reader, as well as thousands of other places online. This book might be one you want to keep for a long time. You can also ask your library or senior center if they will purchase the book to keep on the shelves

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Serafina won \$6,208 at Green Valley Ranch. Congratulations on the big win, Serafina!



Local bingo winner, Virginia W. wins a \$450 bingo at Rampart Casino

Savory Half and Half Cottage Pie

Yield: 6 generous servings

Total Time: 1 hour 10 minutes

6 medium potatoes, about 2 lbs. or

equivalent leftover or instant mashed

cup Textured Vegetable Protein (TVP)

1 (14.5 ounce) can (1 1/2 cups) beef broth.

For the mashed potatoes:

potatoes

1/4 cup milk

l tablespoon butter

Salt and pepper to taste

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 large onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 pound ground beef

2 tablespoons tomato paste

2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

(14.75 ounce) can creamed corn

1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

(16 ounce) bag frozen peas and carrots

Prepare a 9-by-13 baking dish with cooking

spray. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. While it's

heating, peel and chop your potatoes. Place

your potatoes in cool, salted water, then bring

them to a boil for 10 minutes. This gradual

heating ensures even cooking, preventing

the outer layers from overcooking before the

insides are tender. Once they're cooked and

Meanwhile, rehydrate the TVP. Heat 1 cup

of beef broth in the microwave (or on the

stovetop) until simmering. Add the TVP to

In a large skillet, heat olive oil over

medium heat. Add chopped onions, sauteing

until tender and slightly caramelized. Stir in

the tomato paste and continue cooking and

stirring for 3 minutes, allowing it to meld with

drained, mash with the milk and butter, and

season to taste with salt and pepper.

rehydrate for 5 minutes.



# Comfort on a Budget: Cottage Pie Maximizing Flavor and Savings With TVP: A Tasty Twist on Cottage Pie

In an era of rising prices, exploring versatile, budget-friendly ingredients is crucial. Textured vegetable protein (TVP) is a versatile and cost-effective meat substitute made from dehydrated soy flour or soy protein concentrate. It's used as a meat extender or substitute, making it a popular choice for frugal people looking to stretch their meat budget or those following a vegetarian or vegan diet. TVP is known for its high protein content and ability to absorb flavors, making it a suitable extender or replacement for ground meat in many recipes.

To rehydrate TVP, use a 1:1 ratio of TVP to liquid (by volume). This means for every 1 cup of dry TVP add 1 cup of liquid. The dry TVP expands into 2 cups of meat substitute and can be stored in the fridge for three to five

When using TVP, season it generously with flavorful liquids, herbs, spices and sauces along with ingredients like onions, garlic and vegetables to enhance its neutral flavor.

Today, let's explore TVP with a classic favorite: Cottage Pie. This offers significant savings without skimping on the pleasures of a hearty meal.

It's taken sixteen years since ground was broken for Fontainebleau (a.k.a. The Drew) to announce a grand-opening date, but they finally have: the \$3.7 billion 3,600-room resort-casino on the north Strip will open on December 13th. Two restaurants from the Miami Fontainebleau, Papi Steak and Komodo, will be recreated here; Komodo was the country's top-grossing independent restaurant in 2022. The Hollywood Reporter describes Papi Steak as serving "massive slabs of meat in a signature 'Beef Case.' Inspired by the Marsellus Wallace briefcase in Pulp Fiction, the Beef Case is like bottle service for a steak. When someone orders a \$1,000 55-ounce Wagyu Tomahawk, they get a 60-second show with sparklers, an entrance song, lasers, all to present the slab

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Fontainebleau Set to Open

### Manilow Dethrones the King

of meat in a gold-lined bedazzled briefcase.'

He's never going to loom as large over Las Vegas as Elvis Presley still does. But Barry Manilow has beaten one of the King's famous records. After 38 years of headlining the showroom that Elvis built, Manilow-a Grammy. Tony, and Emmy winner with 12 US No. 1 singles-officially broke the King's record by performing his 637th show at the Westgate this summer. Slow and steady won this race for the man who writes the songs (except for that song, which was written by Beach Boys member Bruce Johnston). Manilow, 80, took more than five times the seven years it took Presley to log 636 consecutive sold-out shows at what was first known as the International Hotel, and then the Las Vegas Hilton, from 1969 to



the caramelized onions and develop a deeper

Add the minced garlic and ground beef, and rehydrated TVP. Cook until the meat is browned and the TVP has absorbed the delicious flavors, about 5 minutes. Add Worcestershire sauce, peas and carrots, creamed com and the remaining 1/2 cup broth, and simmer the mixture for 10 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Transfer filling to the baking dish and spread it evenly. Spoon the mashed potatoes over the filling, creating an even layer. Top with cheese. Place the baking dish in the preheated oven and bake for 20 minutes. Cool slightly before serving.

While savoring this scrumptious Cottage Pie, remember that TVP offers benefits Goes to Paris and the Netflix action series beyond versatility and low-cost. TVP is environmentally friendly with a lower carbon footprint compared to traditional meat production. Moreover, its high protein and fiber content make it a nutritious addition to

So, next time you're planning meals, remember TVP and turn an ordinary meal into a cost-conscious masterpiece.

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**Big Late Summer Jackpots** 

A slot player won \$1,520,751 on a Wheel of Fortune Gold Spin Triple Gold machine in late summer at the Golden Nugget. Around the same time a Texas visitor on her way home lined up the three jackpot symbols on a Wheel of Fortune Triple Double Emeralds machine at Harry Reid International Airport to take down the \$643,434 progressive.

### **Robot Workers at Sphere**

The New York Post recently ran a story spotlighting "Aura, the world's most humanoid robot." Aura, along with four clones, will apparently greet visitors to Sphere in Vegas, as well as serve as a guide "who can answer questions about directions inside the arena and details of daily performances, along with "unique engineering and other aspects of the highly advanced technology.'

### Junior's Cheesecake Comes West

Founded in 1950 in the heart of Brooklyn on Flatbush Avenue (and DeKalb), Junior's Cheesecake is opening its first location beyond the East Coast at Resorts World in Vegas. The original location remains in place 73 years later; Junior's has three other locations, two in Times Square and the other at Foxwoods. This one will land across from Randy's Donuts in a 300-seat room. Junior's is renowned for the best cheesecake in the city and beyond. It's also a full-service deli and New York-style diner, with a huge menu of breakfast items and soups, salads, sandwiches, steaks, seafood, barbecue, and chef's specialties. We assume that the famous bakery will move west as well; Junior's could turn into the go-to dessert place for its cheesecakes, pastries, brownies, cookies, ice cream sodas, shakes and malts, and of course rugelach.





# by cindy elavsky

Q: I just saw that Captain America star Chris Evans got married. Is his wife an actress? The last serious relationship I remember him having was with Jenny Slate. I was hoping that would work out. (I loved her in Parks and Recreation.) - K.K.

A: The last of the Hollywood Chrises has joined the other two (Chris Hemsworth and Chris Pratt) in wedded bliss by marrying his girlfriend, Alba Baptista, of almost two years during a ceremony in Cape Cod. Massachusetts. Baptista is a Portuguese actress whose most recent English-language films are the charming film Mrs. Harris Warrior Nun.

As for Evans and Jenny Slate, their relationship has been over since early 2018. They first started dating in 2016 after filming the movie Gifted. He raved about her in interviews, saying "Sometimes you just meet the same animal, and that's just [what it's like] with Jenny."

Slate, who has been married before, found love again with writer and art curator Ben Shattuck. The couple wed last year and also have a little girl named Ida. While Evans and Slate made a cute couple, it appears they ultimately found happiness with others the way it was meant to be

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# **Lucky Predictions** for November 2023

ARIES: March 21 to April 19 1st thru 6th... RED brings it 4th-5th 7th thru 12th... Wouldn't risk it 13th thru 18th.. Multiple chances 14th & 18th 19th thru 24th ... Not very likely 25th thru 30th. Lucky you the 27th\$

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20 1st thru 6th ... Winnin's good the 2nd\$\$ 7th thru 12th ... Hit it 7th & 8th! 13th thru 18th. Hard card bets 16th-17th 19th thru 24th... BLUE does U good 20th-21st\$ 25th thru 30th Something special 29th -30th

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21 1st thru 6th... Luck pays a visit 4th-5th 7th thru 12th... Best chances on the 96\$!\$ 13th thru 18th. Wait 'til the 18th 19th thru 24th. RED's big 22<sup>ad</sup>-23<sup>ad</sup>\$ 25th thru 30th... Success! 276-286

CANCER: June 22 to July 22 1st thru 6th... Big win the 2nd!\$\$ 7th thru 12th ... Right on target the 12th 13th thru 18th Would not advise 19th thru 24th. Flying high 20th & 25th\$1 25th thru 30th.. Time to shine 29th-30th\$5

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22 1st thru 6th... Advantages 4th-5th\$\$ 7th thru 12th... Wind hits your sail the 9th! 13th thru 18th... You got this the 14<sup>n</sup>S! 19th thru 24th... Total HOTness 22nd-23nd 25th thru 30th. Be YOU & win 28th \$\$

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22 1st thru 6th... Ahead big time the 2ndSS 7th thru 12th.. Week starts/ends great!\$ 13th thru 18th... Hard card boon 16th-17th! 19th thru 24th ... Not optimal play time 25th thru 30th. Good fortune 25th & 29th-30th\$\$

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23 1st thru 6th ... Late the 3rd to win! 7th thru 12th ... Distinctly possible the 9th 13th thru 18th... All good 14th & 18th\$\$ 19th thru 24th.. 25th thru 30th. In the groove 27th-28thSS

SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21 1st thru 6th... Good goin' the 2nd\$! 7th thru 12th... Goes your way the 7th\$! 13th thru 18th. Back in to win 16th-17th 19th thru 24th.. PURPLE pays 20th-21st\$ 25th thru 30th ... Worth the wait 29th\$\$

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21 Don't go there just yet 7th thru 12th... Friend persuades the 9th\$ 13th thru 18th ... YELLOW bags it 18th!\$ 19th thru 24th. Direction correction 22nd-23rdS 25th thru 30th... YES the 28th!

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19 1st thru 6th... Patience (not vet) 7th thru 12th... Fantastic! 7th & 12th 13th thru 18th... Do what you know 16th\$\$ 19th thru 24th... Pleasant surprises 20th-21st\$ 25th thru 30th. On top & staying there 25th!

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18 1st thru 6th... Sorry, not this time 7th thru 12th ... Several chances the 9%S 13th thru 18th.. Worth your while the 14th! 19th thru 24th... Early the 19th, then wait 25th thru 30th GREEN = \$\$.28

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20 1st thru 6th... You make it look easy the 2nd 7th thru 12th ... BLUE bundles it the 12thS 13th thru 18th... Hang in there 16th-17th 19th thru 24th.. Inspiring example 20th\$
25th thru 30th... Try your luck the 29th!

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

# PREDICTORS LUCKY CARD FOR NOVEMBER 2023



MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS NOVEMBER 2023

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Black Friday

Cyber Monday

Full Moon

24th

27th

27th



by Frederick Woodruff

# Horoscopes for November 2023

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): It's always the little things that we overlook that are most important. And this is doubly true for you in November. Make a concentrated effort to pay attention to details, especially if you're entangled in a complicated relationship muddle. There's a pressing puzzle that's right under your nose and needs your courageous efforts to solve it. Lucky Days: 1 - 22 Lucky Numbers: 2 - 18

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): This is a month where the heat is turned up on whatever creative endeavor you've invested time and money into. But too many cooks in the kitchen can complicate your efforts You'll be required to make some critical decisions on your own. The new Moon on the 13th offers you a burst of enthusiasm that will carry you through the rest of the year. Lucky Days: 4 - 13 Lucky Numbers: 8 - 11

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): Mercury your ruler opposes your sign this month. Remember that words can carry as much disruptive influence as ill-timed actions. You'll need to strategize to get your message across to others now. Make your point and then move on; there's no need to double down to get your way. The less pressure you apply, the speedier your movements will be. Streamlining is the key in November.

Lucky Days: 10 - 18 Lucky Numbers: 9 - 56

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): The new Moon on the 13th optimizes your career Pay particular attention to your psychic hunches; your prescience is primed to guide you to opportunities you'd have missed otherwise. Words of wisdom to live by this month from Jonas Salk: "Intuition will tell the thinking mind where to look next." Give your imagination free rein to light a new light bulb over your head.

Lucky Numbers: 1 - 44

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): This month, you're a live wire. Your energy level receives a nice boost during the new Moon on the 13th. But plan on being tested as you move forward. The world wants you to demonstrate the validity of what you're doing and hoping to accomplish. Success depends on how well you demonstrate tact within trying situations

Lucky Days: 23 - 27

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): Don't let nerves get the best of you now. Avoid situations that disrupt your finely tuned nervous system; you don't need the extra agitation. You'll fare better by applying your sharp intellect to pursuits that require research and study. As the politician George Savile noted: "The man who is a master of patience is master of everything else

Lucky Days: 15 - 23 Lucky Numbers: 2 - 51

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): Your ruling planet, Venus, is in your sign this month, and that brings a glamorous glow to your bearing And perhaps a lucky break if you're willing to take some new chances. But there's a more serious side to this transit, too-you're discovering beautiful qualities about your character that you hadn't seen before. Lucky Days: 9 - 12

Lucky Numbers: 9 - 49

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): The new Moon on the 13th triggers a rush of creative energies. What's the best way to channel this surfeit of enthusiasm? Start by doing what you do best, ridding yourself of the superfluous. The more you downsize, the quicker you'll arrive at your goals this month. Keep this in mind from Picasso: "Art is the elimination of the unnecessary."

Lucky Days: 23 - 26 Lucky Numbers: 2 - 41

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): Albert Einstein once wrote: "If at first the idea is not absurd, then there is no hope for it." Meditate on this notion as you go in search of your next big creative project. You'll need to take risks and upset the status quo. But that's where the gold is waiting to be discovered. Don't be held back by those who feel threatened by your enthusiasm.

Lucky Days: 2 - 20 Lucky Numbers: 2 - 51

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20): Organization is the keyword word for you now. But that's OK-you operate best when you have a set of instructions in front of you. Discipline has always been the secret of your success. If there's one area you need to stretch into this month, it's the necessity to extend your social circle. You need allie now to help you move ahead.

Lucky Days: 1 - 5 Lucky Numbers: 33 - 39

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): Tension is sometimes necessary to get us to move away from a situation that offers diminishing returns. And you'll need to holdly shift planthis month to put yourself on a refreshing track. Be willing to take careful, calculated risks. The payoffs will be worth the mild anxiety that change can trigger.

Lucky Days: 9 - 23 Lucky Numbers: 4 - 50

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): Saturn, the reality-check planet, is putting pressure on you to up your game. Now is the moment to demonstrate what you've worked hard to manifest to the world. This might feel like a depressing influence, but it's a natural process that transforms your experience into newfound wisdom. The kind of knowledge that advances you into a surprising new path on your odyssey

Lucky Days: 15 - 18 Lucky Numbers: 37 - 60

## COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Course 2. Bangle 3. Desire 4. Drive

Today's Word: BURNED

JUMBLES: OOMPH ENACT SUNKEN IGUANA Answer: After not being called safe, the baseball player was - OUTSPOKEN

HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Cap is missing. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Football is missing. 4. Clous is different. 5. Horn is smaller. 6. Bull's tail is missing. CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: I can't think of any better representation of beauty than omeone who is unafraid to be herself. — Emma Stone

BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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# BINGO LAND

News from the Real World & Cyberspace

### Lotería Night

Who doesn't love good food, good times, and good prizes? Well, you can get all of them at Loteria or Mexican Bingo nights at a downtown Houston restaurant, Space City Birria. Once a week the small family-style eatery hosts people of all ages for Mexican Bingo Night. You'll hear owner Humberto Martinez belting into the microphone, 'Welcome everyone to Thursday night's Lotería!" Martinez explained the game is a popular tradition for Mexican families. "It always brings me back to my childhood," he said. "How we had so much fun around the table and forgot all our troubles." After the COVID pandemic shutdowns emptied out downtown, Martinez looked for ways to draw back customers and he came up with Loteria Night. Prizes include tickets or meals at downtown venues. "That way if somebody won a prize, they'd have to come back to downtown to redeem it," he said. The game plan worked.

### Targeting a Lost Audience

Dabbers Social Bingo in Houndsditch, London recently held an event to name their "Next Top Bingo Caller 2023." Contestants were whittled down fto a final four in the fight to win the coveted title, as well as a cash prize and a 12-month contract to be its next bingo caller. The runner-up would also win a year-long supply of Malibu, an event sponsor. Bingo is often seen as something you either do in your early or later years; the in-between demographic often gets left out. Established in 2018, Dabbers aims at 20- to 50-somethings by incorporating high-energy performers, comedians, drag queens, dancing and drinks, making for a rather chaotic but enetertaining night for the 18+ crowd.

# Stickelers Answer

1-d, 2-e, 3-a, 4-c, 5-b

## Super Bingo Giveaway at Plaza

The Plaza Hotel & Casino, known for its Bingo room in downtown Las Vegas, is introducing an exciting opportunity - the \$20,000 Super Bingo Giveaway. Players can earn 10 drawing tickets for each Super Bingo 2-day tournament they participate in. The scheduled tournaments for 2023 were held September 11-13. October 9-11 and another will be held this month. November 27-29. More tournaments are scheduled to take place from January 5-7, February 5-7, March 4-6, April 8-10 and May 6-8 in 2024. The giveaway drawing will take place on day 2 of the Super Bingo event on 5 June 2024. Players can enter the June 2024 competition for free if they participate in three or more Super Bingo events up until May 2024. In the Plaza's ballroom, Super Bingo draws around 1,000 players from all over the nation, including Hawaii and Canada.

### Big and Bigger Ohio Prize

At press time, there was still no big winner Wedgewood Plaza.

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in the pull-tab jackpot at the Holy Apostles Parish Bingo game in Austintown, Ohio. The jackpot had already climbed to \$30,200 but with no winner yet again the jackpot for the following Friday was set at \$31,200, creating a line of ninety people waiting in line afterward to buy tickets for the next event. The jackpot started in November 2021 with 100 numbers. It's the largest jackpot in the 30-year history of the Holy Apostles Bingo game. The weekly Bingo game is the parish's primary revenue source, and it's held every Friday night at Austintown's

### FLASHBOARD NUMBERS

# Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas -YMMILYZH

# **WORD LADDERS**

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

BLIND

**FLOUR** 

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# The colors of fall

### How leaves work









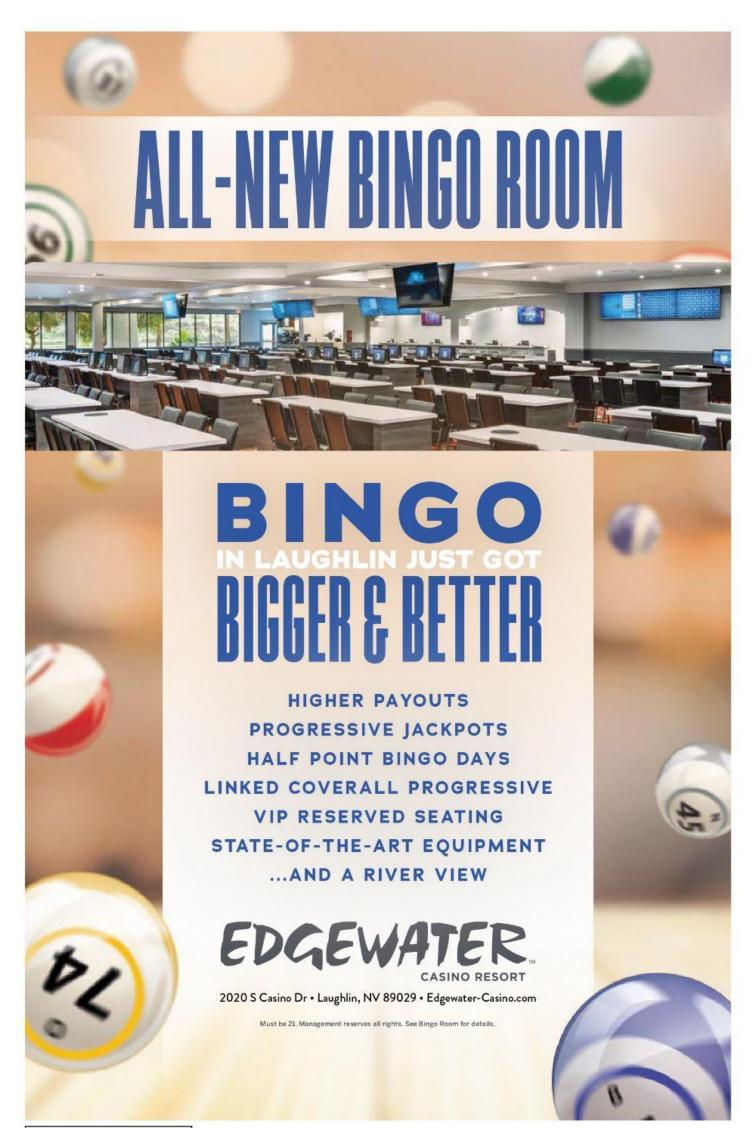
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- 5. Fury 325, Carowinds, US
- 6. Steel Dragon 2000, Nagashima Spa Land, Japan
- 7. Millennium Force, Cedar Point, US
- 8. Leviathan, Canada's Wonderland, Canada
- 9. Orion, Kings Island, US
- 10. Intimidator 305, Kings Dominion, US

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Best Friends Laura J. and Patti W. are showing off their bling at Plaza Casino Bingo! These two ladies were at the start of a very exciting road trip from California to our amazing Las Vegas, then a drive over to Arizona followed by an exciting hot air balloon trip in New Mexico! These ladies are living it up!





# Staffer Makes Bingo a Bummer

Dear Aunt Bingo, I play at a Bingo hall in Michigan and have been playing there for years. There are two people that are rude and very loud. They joke and play all the time. They yell across the Bingo hall all the time. We have complained many times about them, but nothing is done. One of them works for the Bingo hall on one of the nights I play. The people that run the hall are her friends, so nothing gets done about it. They don't care what they say to

I know Bingo is a place for socializing, but this is too much. There are lots of players that want to leave the hall, but it's close to home and we have been coming for years. If I call the state. I don't want to get the hall in trouble, so what do I do? These two are a real piece of work! If I must say so, the whole hall is afraid of the crew.

-Please Help, Michigan

Dear Help,

The minute you mentioned that one of these players is also a worker at this hall, you provided a very important piece of information. The behavior you describe is one that I have seen not only in Bingo halls, but in other places as well: Someone who works at an establishment-a sales clerk, a cashier, a waiter, and yes, even a Bingo volunteer-sees their workplace as their "turf" and may sometimes get a little too comfortable there during off hours.

I have stood in line at the grocery checkout waiting impatiently as a clerk spends three minutes buying a candy bar and gabbing with the cashier. I have waited in the aisle of a box store trying to get a worker's attention while he is otherwise occupied chit-chatting with a coworker instead of doing his job. I suspect that these workers have no clue how irritating this behavior is to customers.

In your case, the Bingo worker is on her own time, enjoying Bingo, in a place where she also sometimes works. As a result, she feels a degree of ownership and authority to do whatever she pleases-and apparently is bringing her Bingo buddy along for the ride.

I'm surprised no one in charge of the Bingo hall has asked her to tone it down. But because they haven't, I'm afraid she will feel no inclination to change her behavior. Perhaps a group of you could find a way to speak to the manager in private, saying that you think the behavior you describe is scaring off players which means less money for the charity. Short of that, or some brave soul approaching her and asking her politely if she wouldn't mind taking it down a notch, I think you're stuck.

As far as contacting the state authorities to complain, that would be a waste of time. They are only responsible for the games running properly, not how players behave in the hall. That is completely the responsibility of management. -Aunt Bingo



# Fight Club

Kate and I were a little late getting to Bingo at a recent session, and so found our seats in the very first row in front of the caller. It turned out to be the "cane table" as three players with canes were already seated there and two more joined us straightaway.

We introduced ourselves to players and readied for play. The first three games were unremarkable, but then the fun started. One player challenged another's Bingo and reached across to grab his card. It was apparent these people all knew each other well, but I could not tell how lighthearted the challenge was. It seemed rather serious at the time, but soon they were all laughing and clowning around. The challenged player's card was a good Bingo, and we moved on to the next game.

This time when someone at our table won, another "caner" leaped up and grabbed for his card. The winner was having none of it, however, and snatched his card out of reach. A floor worker arrived just in time to prevent a tussle, though they were certainly verbal.

doesn't come for another two hours." "Well, just be quieter," said the floor worker, beating a retreat. We went on to the next game, a big H as well as a little h, when the fussing began again. Players can have trouble with these double games, so I was preparing to help when Joe leaped up, grabbing his cane and yelled, "Bingo, by damn. I got a Bingo!"

"You people have to calm down," said the

"Leave?!" challenged the noisiest one. Why you can't ask us to leave. The bus

floor worker, "or I'll have to ask you to leave."

Ralph challenged him as predicted and a big fuss began. Then Joe leaned across the table putting most of his weight on his cane. which allowed Ralph to knock his cane out from under him sending him right back into his chair. He was unhurt by this unexpected return to his seat, but angry about the insult to his dignity.

"What'd you go and do that for?" he yelled at Ralph.

"Oh, you were just being too picky," said Ralph. "I wanted to calm you down.

The head floor worker came over, "That's your last chance," she said. "Any more fussing and you two are both out of here." The boys looked chagrined, but with grins lurking under their meek expressions.

"Yes, Ma'am," they both said.

Soon we were on to the final game, an Indian star, one of my personal favorites and I thought it was about time I won one. We played a regular Bingo on the way, which was won by someone far away in the room. Then Ralph, Joe and I were all on at the same time and we each began chanting the number we wanted.

"Come on 63," said Ralph, "Daddy needs a new cane. Come on."

I thought this distracting enough to almost lose my concentration when Joe started chanting, "Bring me 45. Bring me 45. I need a new walker.

But someone else won and I left the hall wondering how they might try to clobber each other at the next Bingo session.



\* You can plant deciduous trees (trees that lose their leaves in the fall) strategically in order to reduce your heating and cooling costs. Their leaves grow in the spring, blocking summer's heating rays, but when winter comes, they fall off to let the sun in, warming things up a bit.

\* Keep nail-polish bottles easy to open by rubbing a little bit of petroleum jelly inside the cap of the bottle.

\* M.C. in Arizona would like to know some alternative uses for hair conditioner. Here goes: use as a shaving lotion for legs or face; a makeup remover; ouch-free bandage removal; soften makeup brushes or paintbrushes before storage; get knots out of doll hair or costume wigs; wash delicates (think silks and pantyhose); rub on a shower rod to help curtain glide effortlessly; and lastly, soak a shrunken sweater in a conditioner/water solution to soften the fibers, then gently try stretching the sweater back to size.

\* "Clean an egg carton very well. Flip it over and make slits in each egg cup. This works wonders as a child's card holder for card games." - L.P. in Maryland

\* Use an empty paper towel roll to store plastic grocery bags. Just stuff to capacity. These "bag sticks" are easy to store in a drawer or even mounted on the side of a trash can with double-stick tape.

\* When cleaning glass tabletops or chrome fixtures, try using newspaper instead of paper towels or rags. There is no lint left behind, and newspaper gives a better shine.

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I am a very healthy 74-year-old woman. I don't take any medications other than a Prolia injection twice a year. I recently started taking 20 g of grass-fed collagen peptides powder, which contains all kinds of amino acids. Will this benefit my hair, skin, nails and joints, as the label suggests? — S.H.

ANSWER: I'd like to tell you it will help, but there isn't a lot of evidence it does. My anecdotal experience has shown me that only a few people get benefit. It is true that deficiency of amino acids can

lead to poorly grown skin and nails, but it's not at all clear that giving extra collagen will help people who have a healthy diet. Just to put things in perspective, 1 cup of

chicken or beef stock contains about 10 g of collagen, which your body then breaks down into amino acids. I'm guessing that would be less expensive than the supplement.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.comell.

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### PICKS OF THE MONTH

Elemental (PG) - Pixar's latest film is out now on streaming after garnering \$484.2 million in the box office and getting deemed a "sleeper hit." Starring Leah Lewis (Nancy Drew) and Mamoudou Athie (Archive 81), this film for the whole family follows fire element Ember as she starts to run her father's convenience store, The Fireplace, in Fire Town. But when Ember accidentally floods the store, city inspector and water element Wade files a report that could get the business shut down. It's up to Ember to save the store, alongside Wade, if she can control her fiery temper. Catherine O'Hara and Wendi McLendon-Covery co-star. (Disney+)

No One Will Save You (PG-13) Kaitlyn Dever (Booksmart) leads this scifi thriller out now. Dever stars as Brynn Adams, a young woman living a lonely life in her childhood home. One night, Brynn is awoken in the middle of the night by home intruders. As the intruders creep into her home, Brynn realizes that they are far from human. With no choice but to face off with these extraterrestrial beings, Brynn is pushed forward to her new future by confronting the demons of her past. The film is directed by Brian Duffield, whose previous work includes The Babysitter and Underwater. (Hulu)

Young Love (TV-PG) - After Matthew A. Cherry's short film Hair Love won Best Animated Short Film at the 92nd Academy Awards, a series based on the short film was put into development, and it has now made its way to streaming platforms. Starring Kid Cudi (House Party) and Issa Rae (Insecure), the series follows young millennial parents Stephen and Angela and their daughter, Zuri (and their cat. Rocky). Stephen and Appela juggle work-life balance, social issues and multi-generational dynamics, along with raising Zuri and helping her achieve her best life. The show is reminiscent of The Proud Family" providing much-needed authentic representation. (Max)

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Answer

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