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The dynamic duo are at it again! Maggie and Jackie, the Green Valley Ranch Houses hit the Big 3 for \$1,300! Way to go ladies!

ANIMAL CRACKERS

By Fred Wagner



PICKS OF THE MONTH

Lady Charter's Lover (R) — Emma Corrin (*The Crown*) and Jack O'Connell (*Sliver*) star in this steamy romantic drama, which recently premiered on Netflix. Based on the novel by D.H. Lawrence, Corrin plays Constance Reid, who marries Baronet Clifford Charter and becomes Lady Charter. Clifford gets injured fighting in World War I and returns paralyzed from the waist down, which causes a big rift in their marriage. Left feeling unwelcome by her husband, Constance tries her best to hide her unhappiness, until she meets gamekeeper Oliver Mellors. An attraction builds between Constance and Oliver and blossoms into a love affair that ultimately can't thrive in secrecy. (Netflix)



Bros (R) — Bobby Lieber (Billy Eichner) is a podcast host and museum curator who greatly enjoys the single life. But when he's out with a friend at a nightclub, Bobby meets Aaron Shepard (Luke Macfarlane), who Bobby's friend deems hot but boring. Amid their stark differences, the two begin to date and get to know each other. Their connection begins to get stronger, but Aaron still finds Bobby too intense, while Bobby doesn't appreciate having to minimize his behavior for others. The odd couple must learn to accept each other's differences in order to make their relationship prosper. Out now on streaming. "Bros" is one of the first gay rom-coms produced by a major studio. (Peacock)

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Lucky Lotto News

Cambridge Couple Gets Lucky

A couple who have been together for nine years but put off a wedding due to "cost of living" worries are due to get married after a 1-in lottery win. Holly Saul and Ben Lowther, from Cambridge, won a recent National Lottery EuroMillions drawing. Mr Lowther, 39, said they had planned to get married "further down the line," but prior to their win they could not afford it. The win has meant Ms. Saul, 30, has been able to take a break from her job in clinical research recruitment to spend more time with their children, aged 14 and three. They have also bought a new home. "Holly and I always planned to marry one day but, with two children and the cost of living, a wedding was looking like something we would celebrate much further down the line," Mr. Lowther said. "Now, thanks to one chunky dose of luck, I have been able to propose—in Paris no less—and we can start to plan the perfect wedding." His bride-to-be said: "Not a day has gone by that we haven't counted our blessings. I after worked full-time since I was 16, only having time off for maternity leave, and while I do enjoy working and am proud of my career, I'm so humbled that I can put that on pause for a couple of years and spend more time with the children."

Veteran Wins Big, Six Times

A Vietnam era veteran in Massachusetts can call himself lucky for life after winning six lottery prizes of \$25,000 a year for life. The same drawing, Raymond Roberts Sr., of Fall River, matched the first five numbers on all sixes he bought for a recent Lucky Life Drawing. He played a combination of anniversary dates and birthdays as his numbers—the same ones he's been playing

in lottery games for more than 20 years, the Massachusetts Lottery said. "Roberts cited 'intuition' as his reason for purchasing multiple tickets with the same numbers," the lottery said. Roberts chose the \$300,000 cash option for five of his prizes, totaling \$1.95 million before taxes. He chose the annuity option for the sixth prize, giving him 20 annual payments of \$25,000 before taxes. According to the lottery, Roberts plans to use part of his winnings to buy a motorcycle.

Lucky Islanders Abound

It was a year of luck for Staten Islanders, several of whom won big lottery prizes in 2022. At least three borough residents collected jackpot prizes from New York Lottery scratch-off tickets—prizes in the millions—all purchased on Staten Island. Nijelie Morris had luck on her side when she purchased the \$5 million top prize-winning ticket in the 55M Riches scratch-off game. Morris received her prize as a single, lump sum, totaling \$3,016,200, after required withholdings, according to the New York Lottery. Lucky winner Lisa Nicotri claimed her \$1 million second prize for matching the first five numbers in the July 26 Mega Millions drawing. Nicotri received a single lump sum payment of \$612,240 after required withholdings. And in January, Brian Bran purchased a winning Powerball ticket at the Metro Mart N.Y., located inside the Staten Island Mall in New Springville. After required withholdings, Bran took home a lump sum payment of \$612,240. Scratch-off games generated \$4.5 billion in total sales during fiscal year 2021-2022. School districts across the five boroughs received \$1.25 billion in Lottery Aid to education funds during the same period.

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A E I L B S S D RACK 3

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TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

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SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row, column and 3x3 square contains all the numbers from one to nine.

◆ Difficulty This Week ◆
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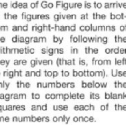
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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle



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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: W equals L

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettkan

Each numbered box contains one clue and two letter patterns. The two answers differ by one letter. Find the one word that fits both patterns. Example: If you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Public meeting — R — — — — —
2. Free time — — — — —
3. Handbag — — — — —
4. Wash — — — — —
5. Sorely — — — — —
6. Fat eventually — — — — —
7. Washline shape — — — — —
8. Moody — — — — —
9. Engrailed — — — — —
10. City ally — — — — —

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Become active — — — — —
Eliminate — — — — —
Boring talk — — — — —
Idiosyncrasy — — — — —
Place — — — — —
Trumpet hint — — — — —
Fall bloom — — — — —
Stations needed — — — — —
Towel fabric — — — — —

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WORD LADDERS

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

gripe

cried

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Boggle

Brain Buster!

By David L. Hwang and Jeff Kroun

Find at least 11 FOUR LETTER ANIMALS in the grid of letters.

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Cheers!

We're going to explore infusing vodka with fruits and herbs. Undoubtedly, you've seen flavored vodkas on liquor store shelves, but have you ever thought of making your own infused vodka? Not only is it very inexpensive, but any goodbo to artificial flavorings and colors and hello to absolute control over the ingredients.

It's surprisingly easy to do. All you need is a large, wide-mouth glass jar with an airtight lid (not plastic, unless you're making plastic-flavored vodka), a fine mesh strainer, cheese cloth or coffee filters, and a funnel. Serve empty vodka bottles to sell with your infused creations later. Of course, you'll need vodka and ingredients to infuse, but we'll get to that in a moment.

First, I'd like to share how you make cheap vodka taste more like top-shelf vodka. There is a secret in paying for top-shelf vodka for our purpose. The secret is filtering vodka with a charcoal-activated water filter, like a Brita or PUR brand filter pitcher. Just designate a new filter exclusively for vodka, because you won't want to use it for water after you use it for vodka. Activate the new filter, so per manufacturer instructions, then drain the water. Proceed by pouring the

vodka through the filter just as you would water. You'll want to run it through several times. I find seven times is the charm. Will this method fool a sophisticated palate into thinking it's top shelf? Nope. Will it improve the results when infused or mixed in a cocktail? Absolutely.

How to Infuse Vodka — Into a clean glass jar with a lid, place your infusions ingredients, top off with vodka and close lid. Shake the jar daily, infuse for 12 hours to 7 days. Different ingredients require different amounts of time to infuse, and then there is a adjustment to your personal taste.

I have guidelines below, but taste your infusion every day until you're satisfied with your results. It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it. When you're happy with the flavor, strain the infusion material out and decant into a clean bottle. Store your infused vodka in a cool, dark place for 12 months.

To sweeten your infusions, simply add simple syrup. But please don't buy it! Make it. It's called simple syrup for a reason. In a saucepan, simmer equal parts sugar and water until the sugar has dissolved.

Here are some ideas to get you started.

HERBRY VODKA

1 to 2 cups berries — strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, or a combination
3 to 4 cups of vodka

Wash berries and roughly chop. Add to seven days, infuse for three to seven days. Sweeten to taste.

CITRUS VODKA

2 cups lemons, limes, oranges or grapefruit, or a combination
3 cups vodka

Wash and slice fruit, then add to vodka. Infuse for three to seven days. Sweeten to taste.

CANBERRY LIME VODKA

1 cup chopped canberries
Juice and zest of one lime
3 cups vodka

Add fruit to vodka. Infuse for one to two days. Sweeten to taste.

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



"He's not a complete duffer. He has a book coming out: 'Best Excuses to Avoid Work.'"



by Henry Tamburin

Casino 101 Quiz

Quizzes are fun and a pretty easy way to determine how good you really know to know about a subject. So go give a nifty because you have nothing to lose and maybe some knowledge to gain.

QUESTIONS:

- (1) When the blackjack dealer hits soft 17 it helps the player. True or false?
- (2) Always take even money in blackjack because it's one of the few sure bets in the casino. True or false?
- (3) What is the "unmentionable" number in craps?
- (4) Caribbean Stud Poker has a unique dealer-qualifying rule. What is it?
- (5) You lose the edge on every bet you make with a gambling coupon. True or false?
- (6) It's possible to get an overall return that exceeds 100% when you play video poker.
- (7) You should never split 8 when the dealer shows a strong 10, 3 or ace upcard. True or false?
- (8) About 60% of your hands are losers when you play Let It Ride. True or False?
- (9) There is one thing you should absolutely do before you can start to earn dot-points for comps and cashback. What is it?
- (10) You can cash out your roulette chips at the casino cashier. True or false?

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TOTAL								332

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ANSWERS:

- (1) FALSE. Blackjack games that specify dealers must hit all 17s, including a soft 17, give the house an extra 0.2% edge over the player (compared to the standing on soft 17). This rule favors the house, not the player.
- (2) FALSE. Even though getting the guaranteed 1 to 1 (even money) payoff seems like a good idea, in the long run you'll average more (roughly a 1 to 4 to 1 payoff) if you decline taking even money.
- (3) SEVEN. Don't even think about saying it. The reason? Most craps players believe that this unmentionable number causes their bettors to lose on point rolls. They generally refer to it as "Big Red."
- (4) DEALER MUST HAVE ACE-KING or HIGHER. This rule also frustrates many players because if the dealer doesn't have an ace-king or higher, they can't play regardless of how good a hand he has.
- (5) TRUE. No matter if it's Matchplay, bonus blackjack, or a free ace coupon, you will have the best of it whenever you use the coupon.
- (6) FALSE. It's possible to get returns over 100% by playing video poker

- skillfully, meaning playing full pay machines and taking advantage of cash back, bounce back, and comps.
- (7) FALSE. A 16 is the worst blackjack hand you'll face. But by splitting you can convert this one bad hand into two better hands which have better odds of winning. Even so, you will still lose money on both 16's in the long run.
- (8) FALSE. It's not less money compared to playing one hand of 16 against a dealer's 9, 10 or ace.
- (9) FALSE. You'll actually stand to lose 76% of your hands. You'll make up for that, but not all, of your losses on the 24% of the hands that you win because about 8% pay more than even money. However, overall the house keeps more than players win and maintains a healthy 3.5% advantage.
- (10) JOIN THE SLOT CLUB. You can't earn points or play slot (or video poker) play unless you join the casino's slot club and insert the card into the machine's card reader when you play. (11) FALSE. Roulette chips cannot be converted to cash at the cashier, so you lose the table them. You can convert them to casino chips at the roulette table where you are playing.

HERBRY VODKA

1 or 2 large sprigs of basil or another favorite herb (mint, sage, tarragon, etc.)
3 cups of vodka

Combine the herbs with vodka for two to seven days, infuse frequently. Serve with tonic or soda or make into martinis or the best bloody mary ever.

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Test Your Knowledge

1. TELEVISION: What is the primary setting of the Netflix series *Brigitte*?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Republic of Maldives located?
3. LITERATURE: What is the subject of Walt Whitman's poem *O Captain! My Captain!*?
4. LANGUAGE: What is the third letter of the Greek alphabet?
5. HISTOIRE: When was the last time the Liberty Bell rang in Philadelphia?
6. MOVIES: What was Henry Ford's jury number in *12 Angry Men*?
7. MATH: What is a heptahedron?
8. BUSINESS: In what year did McDonald's introduce the Big Mac to all of its customers?
9. PRESIDENTS: Which president tried to ban Christmas trees from the White House?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do bees collect from flowers and use to make honey?

ANSWERS

1. London, England.
2. Indian Ocean.
3. The death of President Abraham Lincoln.
4. Gamma.
5. 1946.
6. June No. 8.
7. A polyhedron with seven faces.
8. 1968.
9. Theodore Roosevelt.
10. Nectar.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

The Joys of the Food Bank

A few months ago I escorted three very nervous elderly ladies to the food bank. By "nervous," I mean I had to scout out the situation in advance, come back with a report (no, the food bank staff wouldn't ask embarrassing questions about finances) and then actually take the ladies to the food bank in my car to pick up their groceries.

Fast-forward a few months, and I've just learned that said ladies actually went to the food bank by themselves... and had a wonderful time.

You wouldn't think that "wonderful time" would be an apt description of a trip to a food bank, but they were delighted by the whole experience. For this pick-up, the food bank did things a different way: Having received an abundance of donations from various places, this time they invited their "guests" into the storage area and allowed them to pick out exactly what they wanted for their holiday meals.

One of the ladies chose a small turkey, another a turkey breast to be made into sandwiches and pot pies, and the third a ham for future casseroles, knowing that they were going to split the bounty when they had holiday meals together. They negotiated their way up and down the storage area aisles, accompanied by a friendly staffer, chatting about potential recipes and collecting a wider variety of foods than each would get individually during a typical food pick-up.

The food bank is to be lauded for their largesse during the holiday season. They might never know just how happy they made those three ladies.

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"SAVY SENIOR"

YOU ASK THE SENIOR QUESTION

— WE FIND THE SAVY ANSWER

How to Reduce Your Medical Bills

Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips do you recommend to Medicare beneficiaries dealing with hefty medical bills? My husband recently had open heart surgery and is recovering slowly, but the medical bills are coming in fast and furious and they're piling up in medical debt.

—Struggling in Springfield

Dear Struggling,

I'm sorry to hear about your billing struggles, but medical debt has unfortunately become a chronic problem in this country. According to U.S. Census data 19 percent of Americans households carry medical debt, including 19 percent of households headed by someone 65 or older. Even seniors on Medicare can easily get snagged in a web of complicated billing and coverage problems.

To help you slash your medical bills, here are some tips recommended by health care experts that you should try. **Double check your bills:** Almost half of all medical bills contain at least one error, including duplicate charges or charges for services you never received.

If you're facing a high bill and are on the hook for some portion of it, request a financial assistance record from the itemized invoices from the hospital and other providers that detail everything

Go Figure!

Answers:

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x	x	x	x		
7	+	6	+	4	17
14	18	12			

To Your Good Health

Dr. Keith
Roach

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm 59 and have a penis-sized osteoma near the top-middle section of my forehead. My grandmother had one in the same place and never got it removed. It grew to be the size of an egg! I want to have mine removed before it gets larger (it's about six inches over the past three years). What do you recommend? —J.K.

ANSWER: An osteoid osteoma is a common benign tumor of the bone. They often occur in the thigh or leg, but the forehead is not unusual, and, of course, is cosmetically important. Most do not grow and, in fact, more commonly shrink over time.

I've not seen an osteoma get as big as your grandmother's, and I can understand why you would be concerned. It is very reasonable to get an evaluation. An orthopedic surgeon with special expertise in bone tumors is a good person to see, as some plastic surgeons also have experience in removing bone tumors in such a way as to provide the best cosmetic result.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters by line. If you find something in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@mednet.com.

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you were charged for and go through the bill by line. If you find something you don't understand or find good credit the provider for an explanation or a correction.

Wait for your EOB: Doctors' offices and hospitals may mail initial bills to you before they even submit them to your health insurer. So, hold off on any payment until you receive an explanation of benefits (EOB) from your provider—Medicare, supplemental Medicare, Medicare Advantage, or private insurance. This will show what you've been billed for and what services are paid for.

If your EOB shows that your insurer is refusing to pay for services that you think should be covered, call them to see whether it's a correctable mistake, such as a coding error for a certain test or treatment. If it's truly a denial of coverage, you may need to file an appeal.

For details on how to file a Medicare appeal, see [Medicare.gov/claims-appeals/how-to-file-a-medicare-appeal](https://www.medicare.gov/claims-appeals/how-to-file-a-medicare-appeal). **Ask for a discount:** Call the hospital's accounting or billing staff, explain your doctor's practice and ask if they can reduce your bill. You'll be surprised how often this works. Or if you have the funds to pay the entire bill, ask the hospital or provider for a "prompt pay" discount which may save you 15 percent or more.

If it's best for you to pay your bills over time, ask the billing office to set up a no-interest payment plan. You'll be in the provider's interest to work with you to obtain payment.

You can also call the hospital where your husband had his surgery and ask a billing specialist if the facility offers financial assistance. According to the itemized invoices from the hospital and other providers that detail everything

Boggle BrainBusters

Answers:

DEER LION BEAR FROG
HARE GOAT TOAD
CRAB MOLE MULE NEWT

R.D.



BROOM-HILDA



Even Exchange

Answers:

1. Rilly, Villy
2. Branch, Branch
3. Purple, Purple
4. Anger, Anger
5. Quark, Quark

by Mike Marland

By Russell Myers

BookBites

Deep Convictions: A Look at Religious Liberty by Steven T. Collis

Why would you do it if your most strongly held beliefs were challenged by the government, placing your livelihood, your wife and even your freedom at risk?

You may find inspiration for your answer in a new book about four Americans—a priest, an atheist, a Native American and a banker—who put it all on the line for their deep convictions.

Ordinary Americans Fighting for the Freedom to Live Their Beliefs is by professor and lawyer Steven T. Collis. An advocate and a scholar, he believes religious freedom is "a fundamental liberty protecting all individuals living in this country, allowing us to exist in relative peace with one another." This, he adds, is unique in history and exceptional even in the world today. Collis notes, "Religion is not what you believe, it's the lack of religious liberty."

The book offers insights into religious liberty through the stories of four ordinary Americans who risked their reputations to preserve a free society and personal beliefs. Although vastly different in many ways, they share such qualities as conviction and determination.

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Veterans Post



Dirty Water Flows Downhill

This week I discovered that my current town, where I've lived for many years, has water contaminated by chemicals from the nearby non-defense base.

The base, a mere five miles from my home, was declared a Superfund site in the 1980s due to the firefighting foams that contained two different perfluorinated aliphatic substances (PFAS), specifically perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), both deadly "forever" chemicals.

Three years later responsibilities were established for who would deal with the mess, and the base was eventually closed. The base was repeatedly cleaned and tested over the years, with aces paid over to contain the worst of the contaminated ground. Changes were made to meet

on, but chemicals were still found in the water. In some areas, a landfill cap was put in place; in others, there was removal of more soil; and in some there was cleanup and ongoing monitoring. Eventually those in authority considered the whole matter dead and buried.

Now we learn that the original PFAS chemicals at the base may be contaminating the aquifer — where we get our drinking water. Hidden away from their dirt caps, those chemicals appear to have migrated downward. Tests done last year show that the levels of chemicals are double what the state recommends, and more well was taken off-line. Now monitors were installed. Now, however, a recent test showed extremely high readings, higher than ever, with suspicion that closing that first well was driving the chemicals to the remaining wells where we get our drinking water.

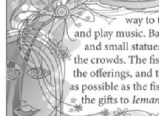
The lesson here is this: If you live near a base that was deemed a Superfund site, and if remediation was done and the site declared to be clean, that does not mean problems won't come back in the future.

Water does come out, all, flow downhill.

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In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the *Festa de Iemanjá* is held every January 1 to honor the sea goddess who protects sailors and provides fish for all fishermen. Dressed in white, the people make their way to the sea edge as they dance, sing and play music. Baskets filled with colorful flowers and small statues of Iemanjá are carried through the crowds. The fishermen load their boats with all the offerings, and the people follow them out as far as possible as the fishermen set out to sea to present the gifts to Iemanjá to seek her favor. — Brenda Wiener



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On out on a Limb by Gary Korpova



Micro Crossword by Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across
1 "And lead us not temptation ..."
5 Summer month, in Arles
6 Frappuccino flavoring
8 Decorates with frosting
9 Old money of Rome

5	2	3	4
6	7		
8			
9			

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Down

1 "Therefore ..."
(#1 single by Billie Eilish)
2 Salad dressing request

3 Stanley of "The Devil Wears Blue"
4 Part of OTOH
7 Solid-rock insect

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Mia won the Big 3 at Green Valley Ranch, taking home a total of \$1,000! Congratulations, Mia!

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Oddest Bingo Snack of All Time?

Dear Guy,
Click this one under "Weird Bingo Food." One of the Bingsu balls is a go to has a pretty relaxed food policy. They sell you can buy there, but they don't care if people want to bring their own food with them too.
There is a woman there who does bring her own food every week. What's weird is that she brings it in a can. And it's always canned vegetables. And it's always three.
She sets the cans out in front of her—like green beans, beans, and corn—and she opens each can with a can opener she also brings with her. She then takes the beans and the corn and puts them in the water out into the sink. Then she drains the water to the table, puts the cans of vegetables in a row in front of her, hands the lid up, puts a spoon in each one, and spends the evening eating each of her three cans of vegetable while she plays Bingo.
I know it's not really that big of a deal, but lots of us really get a chuckle out of it. It kind of reminds me of the old Charlie Chaplin movies where the hobos eat beans out of a can by the side of the road.
—Louise, via e-mail

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Dear Louie,
Call me crazy, but I actually think it's a pretty good idea nutritionally speaking, and I might even try it myself! However, I'd likely transfer mine out of the cans and into a Tupperware container, thus eliminating the need to bring a can opener and avoid the performing kitchen prep in the bathroom. I'm definitely thinking outside the box, but here I should say! —Guy

Slots Q&A

Tax Tips - Part I

If you are lucky enough to win some cash from the slots, or any bet, don't forget that Uncle Sam wants his cut too. So, before you run out and spend your jackpot, here are four of the eight things to remember about taxes on gambling winnings. Look for Part II next month!

(1) **You Have to Report Your Winnings:** Whether it's \$5 or a casino, from the track, an office pool, a casino or a gambling website, all gambling winnings must be reported on your tax return as "other income." On Schedule 1 (Form 1040), if you win a non-cash prize, such as a car or a trip, report its fair market value as income. And, please, make sure you report all your gambling winnings. If you win \$500, report \$500. The IRS isn't hunting down small-time winners, but you still don't want to think of yourself as a tax cheat.

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If a W-2-G is required, the payer reports better poker, casino, lottery, etc.) will need to see two forms of identification. One of them must be a photo ID. You'll also have to provide your Social Security number or, if you have one, an individual taxpayer identification number.

In some cases, you'll get the W-2-G on the spot. Otherwise, for your winnings, the payer must send the form to you by January 31, 2023, in every event, if you bet with a casino, we're fairly certain you'll get the W-2-G.

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THE MIDDLETONS

By Ralph Dugan and Dana Sumner

THIS NEXT TIME TO THE CLASS-BROOKER

SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL

VERY NERVOUS

WHICH IS LEAST? HAVING THE KIDS? DECIDE WHERE WE EAT. WE'LL PUT MY COUPONS IN A HAT AND DRAW.

REPORTER'S ANSWER

STICKERS ANSWER

These words have no perfect rhyme.

Happy Valentine's Day

SNOWFLAKES solution

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