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What a fantastic way to celebrate a birthday! Winning bingo is always exciting, especially on Saturdays at **St. John Bosco High School**. Congratulations Jennifer M. and thank you for being a loyal reader of the Bingo Bugle!

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- * "When you need to crush nuts or a cracker for crumbs, you can use a small can of soup to crush these in a plastic bag. This is for when you don't have a rolling pin." — J.R. in Virginia
- * To avoid a dirty-smelling hamper, place a single sheet of fabric softener in the bottom of your laundry closet or in the hamper itself.
- * "To keep sauces from splattering and dirtying the inside of your microwave, cover the food with a damp paper towel or a coffee filter." — E.C. in Utah
- * "Unload the bottom rack of the dishwasher first. This way, you won't wet the dishes on the bottom if any pooled water on the top shelf spills. I thought everyone did it this way, but then my boyfriend thought I was such a genius that I figured I would share this hint with others!" — via email

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Gaming News

Historic Online Jackpot in U.S.

An online slot player in New Jersey won the largest jackpot in the history of this nation's legalized online-casino industry this summer. The player was making \$200 bets on a Fruit Blaster five-reel slot with The Big One progressive at the BetMGM online casino when the symbols lined up for the record \$6.4 million jackpot. BetMGM casino platforms awarded nearly \$140 million in progressive-jackpot payouts in 2023, a 32% increase over 2022's total.

Most Expensive Hotel Refresh Ever

The \$1.5 billion "refresh" of the Venetian/Palazzo in Las Vegas is being touted as "the most extensive and expensive hotel renovation in history." All of the Venetian's original 4,000 suites are being redesigned, several new restaurants are replacing old ones, new high-limit and poker rooms and the sports book have been introduced, the 1,000-seat Voltaire Theater has opened, Shin Lim will debut his show at the Palazzo Theater in October, and the convention center is receiving \$200 million in upgrades. One change that had the attention of Vegas insiders is the importing of Gjelina, a southern California restaurant known for its farm-to-table cuisine; Gjelina's sustainable-driven menu and sourcing practices are eliciting support from local farmers.

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QUESTIONS

1. What is the Continental Drift?
2. Which group released "Shout"?
3. Where was "Give Peace a Chance" recorded?
4. Which musician was called Satchmo?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I could stay awake just to hear you breathing. Watch you smile while you are sleeping."

ANSWERS

1. It's a line dance, aka the Sid Shuffle, from the animated movie *Ice Age*. See YouTube for instructions on the dance.
2. The Isley Brothers, in 1959. It took until 1999 for the song to be admitted to the Grammy Hall of Fame.
3. In a motel room in Montreal in 1969, during the "Bed-In" staged by John Lennon and Yoko Ono during their honeymoon. Recording equipment, including a four-track recorder, was brought in. The small crowd included one of the Smothers Brothers, Timothy Leary of LSD fame and a rabbi.
4. Trumpeter Louis Armstrong was called Satchel Mouth because of the shape of his mouth from playing trumpet. That was shortened to Satchmo.
5. "I Don't Want to Miss A Thing," by Aerosmith in 1998. The song was featured in the film *Armageddon* and topped charts around the world. Mark Chesnut followed with a cover the next year.

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THE BINGO WOW SISTERS

by Kate and Reva

of nun, but the old-fashioned, black floor length dress, huge white collar and white hat covering all my hair.

Kate decided to go as Wonder Woman, as far removed from my costume as possible. She adores the wide silver bracelets and big belt, but most of all, the huge black wig with its yards of curls.

The party at the Bingo Palace was two days before Halloween, which made it possible to enjoy both events. We arrived early and I got a lot of special looks and deference, pleasing my ego greatly. Other players stepped aside to give me first chance at the buy-in and I was given my choice of seats at our regular table.

I had some difficulty managing my dress and the daubers and playing sheets altogether, not being used to so much clothing, but I finally worked it all out and we proceeded through the first half with no major mishaps. My Wonder Woman sister was on twice which made us both happy.

Then came the big event, the costume parade. I'll admit to being excited as I got me and my voluminous skirts up and ready. Kate and I decided to stay away from each other so as not to create an either/or situation. The stage was very small, and we lined up on the short stairways approaching it. There was a panel of judges who did the first elimination quickly and I was pleased to make it into the second round. Next we each had to come forward, twirl and go back to our place.

I was uncertain and unsteady as I twirled, catching my foot in my skirt and overbalancing. Several people rushed forward to help, including Wonder Woman and I returned red-faced to my feet. I realized that managing the skirt would take some practice and I remembered we had rehearsed in long skirts years ago. I thought to bless everyone who had helped and silently blessed myself also.

Wonder Woman made it into the third round with me and now there were only six

of us left to be judged. Abe Lincoln stepped forward and gallantly offered me his arm which helped with my balancing act. The final three were Abe, Wonder Woman and myself, giving me pause to think over the competition.

I was proclaimed winner, overbalanced one more time and graciously accepted the basket of goodies. In it were several playing sheets, including three Bonanzas. The second and third place winners, Abe and Wonder Woman, respectively, received smaller baskets and much applause.

It was hard to settle in to the second half of play after all the costume excitement. I gave Kate one of my extra Bonanzas, which she accepted gleefully and on which she won, making our day complete.



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BINGO LAND

NEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

Bingo-themed Greeting Cards

Online Gala Bingo has announced a partnership with Moonpig, a retailer of greeting cards and gifts. This collaboration has produced a limited-edition collection of greeting cards based on traditional Bingo calls. The collection includes eight cards, each incorporating references to Bingo phrases. Cards are available in various sizes, with prices starting at £3.99 (\$5.17) and can be purchased exclusively through Moonpig's website until the end of the year. The cards are available only to customers aged 18 and over. Sara Jolly, Gala Bingo Head of Brand, stated, "Celebrating the moments that matter is at the heart of everything we do at Moonpig, which is why we are delighted to be partnering with Gala Bingo to create a range of cards which can be there for our customers to spread joy and send to friends and family across a variety of occasions."

Dauber Deal Goes Through

Pollard Banknote recently announced the acquisition of Clarence J. Venne (Venne), a manufacturer of Bingo markers primarily used in the charitable gaming Bingo market. The agreed upon purchase price was \$12.6 million. Venne, founded in 1962 by the inventor of the Bingo dauber, has been a player in the Bingo market for over six decades. The company's products are distributed throughout North America as well as in 23 other countries around the world.

Comedy Caller Winner Crowned

This summer, Dabbers Bingo hosted its Bingo Comedy Caller Contest 2024 where musical and clowning comedian Dru Cripps was announced as the winner and awarded £1,000 (\$1,280) alongside a year-long contract with Dabbers Social Bingo. Cripps had originally entered the competition only to be knocked out in the heats. However, after his friend and fellow comedian, Lilian Wenker, was forced to pull out of the final due to illness, Cripps stepped and ended up claiming the top prize. His innovative style saw him incorporate both music and dance elements to Bingo calling to win over the judges. The competition was hosted by BBC New Comedy Award finalist and Live at the Apollo comedian Sikisa Bostwick. The competition is part of the company's goal of re-imagining the Bingo experience for people age 20-50.

Bye-Bye to Five Selma Bingos

Five bingo halls operating in Selma, Alabama were searched and shut down after state's Attorney General Steve Marshall executed search warrants and served temporary restraining orders to the locations. Locations affected include, Joker Bingo, Mini Bingo, Selma Charity Bingo, Selma Bingo and Lucky Duck. Marshall thanked the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, Dallas County Sheriff's Office and the Dallas County District Attorney's Office for their assistance and support. (Editor's Note: Remind me not to move to Alabama.)

Wonder Woman and Nun Battle it Out at Bingo

Halloween is my favorite holiday. In mid-October the giant spider appears atop my special coffee house and I am in heaven waiting for the other huge decorations to appear. The merchants all get in the game. One has a pile of clothes on a couch from which erupts an all-too-human scarecrow, frightening us all witless.

This holiday appears to have no religious connections, which makes it ideal to just enjoy. We all dress outlandishly, stock up on candy and wait for the magic night.

Last year our best Bingo place was sponsoring a Halloween party complete with costumes, and featuring a parade, and prizes. I spent an inordinate amount of time thinking about my costume and finally decided to dress as a nun, an outfit I kept from a play I had been in years previously. Not the modern, short dress, blend-in kind

Gasoline Alley

By Jim Scancarelli



BOB ON BINGO

By Bob Whitmore

The Best Bingo Hall of Them All

Well, last month I guess I vented my bad feelings enough, exposing the worst place I ever played Bingo. This time around, THE BEST.

You have heard me mention it before, but my favorite place to play Bingo is on Airline Highway, in the Western suburbs of New Orleans. It is in a large, barn-like building. It is a charity Bingo, with a ton of non-paid, friendly employees making sure that everything goes well. And, everyone seems to be smiling for some reason.

The place is run efficiently, and there seems to be an adherence to the rules similar to what I got used to during my years of living and playing Bingo in Vegas.

The sales-area makes sense. There are many helpful signs and extra people around to explain things. The callers were very articulate and despite their New Orleans accents, they were easy to understand.

And, as I mentioned months ago, this hall had a lovable young caller with a slight speech impediment. When he said: "Your next ball is in the monitor," it sounded as if he was saying, "Your next ball is in the murder."

He wasn't perfect yet tried so hard to please that we appreciated his good work even more I think. I wish I could remember his name.

Oh, and one other thing: THE FOOD IS MAGNIFICENT. There is everything you would want, from standard American to Asian to Tex-Mex...even a Cajun buffet.

All-in-all, I could not give this place higher marks. So, every time I visit New Orleans, I don't go the French Quarter, I drive out Airline Highway to play Bingo and EAT!

For my money, this place is as perfect as you can get. I really need to plan a trip to New Orleans for the coming months. I will fly into Louis Armstrong International Airport and take the E-2 bus out Airline Highway, into Jefferson Parish, and head for that magic place.

While I am there, I will lose myself in the atmosphere...the amazing food aromas, and the hospitality. And, folks, isn't that why we go to Bingo, to escape? Remember, there are five reasons we play Bingo:

- 1) To get out of the house;
- 2) To have food we don't usually eat anywhere else;
- 3) To laugh with our friends;
- 4) To have a little excitement and suspense, and...
- 5) On rare occasions to win and scream BINGO!

Next month: The sweetest email I ever got.



Manipulated Machines?

Dear Aunt Bingo,
I am an avid Bingo player. The question I and a lot of other Bingo players that go to Bingo halls with electronic machines want to ask is: Can Bingo machines be rigged?

I keep thinking about this question and do not know what the answer is. I am being a spokeswoman for a lot of players. The operators of the machine can set up the people who ask for six-packs in them but put in 10-packs. Do you know if that is true? There has to be honesty and integrity! —One of Your Bingo Bugle Readers



Dear Reader,

I would guess that in theory any electronic device can be "rigged"—that is, it can be programmed to perform a task in a particular way. So of course, if one of those functions is the number and type of packs a player receives at Bingo, it is logical that a person could request and pay for six-packs and receive 10-packs if the programmer chooses to punch in that code.

However, a Bingo hall that allowed this to happen would not be around for long. As a state licensed wagering entity, Bingo halls must maintain records, which are audited. If the amount of money coming in does not match the number and types of packs being sold, an audit would quickly reveal this corruption, an investigation would result, and possible legal action taken against those involved. —Aunt Bingo

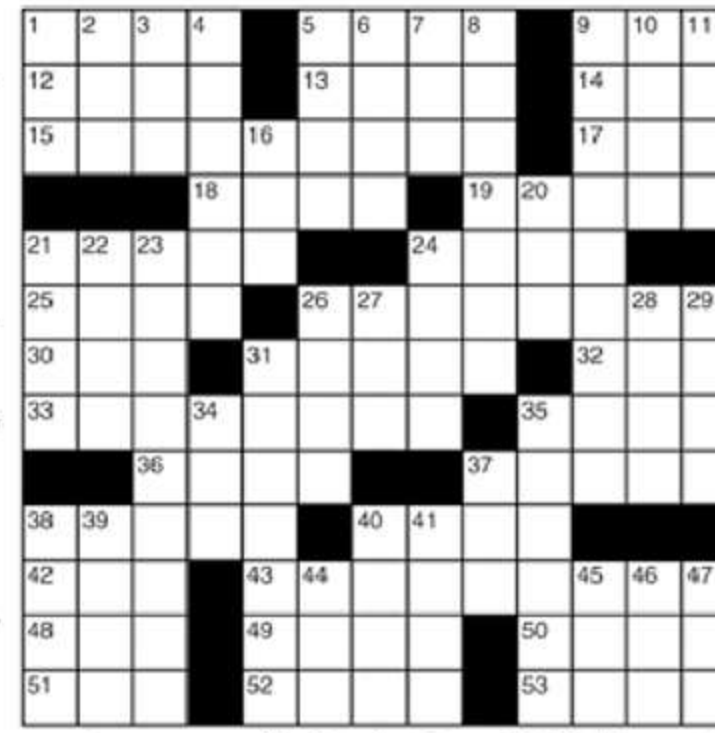
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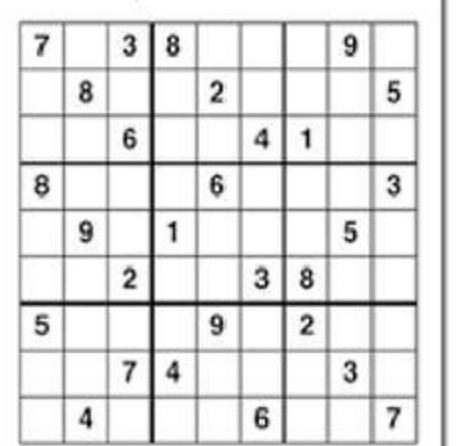
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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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SCRAMBLERS

SCRAMBLERS
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JUMBLE

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

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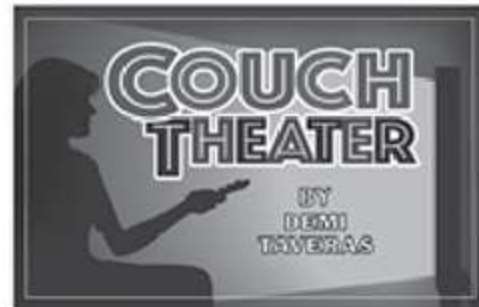


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PICKS OF THE MONTH

Inside Out 2 (PG) — The sequel to Disney's *Inside Out* (2015) has become the second highest-grossing animated film of all time after bringing in a whopping \$1.597 billion, and it's well deserving of its immense success. The film boasts a star-studded cast, with new additions Maya Hawke (*Stranger Things*) and Ayo Edebiri (*The Bear*) joining Amy Poehler, Diane Lane, and Kyle MacLachlan, who reprise their roles from the first film. Taking place two years after she first moved to San Francisco, Riley is now officially a teenager and faces a new learning curve in life as she hits puberty. Insert four new emotions for her to deal with: anxiety, envy, embarrassment and ennui — oh, my! To keep their storytelling as authentic as possible, the film's production team even consulted psychologists so that teenage viewers could truly relate to Riley's pestilent pubescent problems. Rent it now! (Apple TV+)

Twisters (PG-13) — Almost three decades after Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton's *Twister* hit the big screen back in 1996, a standalone sequel was released and pulled in \$315.3 million in the box office so far. The new cast of tornado chasers is led by Daisy Edgar-Jones (*Normal People*), Anthony Ramos (*Transformers: Rise of the Beasts*), and the always-grinning Glen Powell (*Hit Man*). Their adrenaline-loving, yet brilliant characters take on a myriad of bone-chilling storms throughout rural Oklahoma, facing tornadoes that reach a Category 5 of incredible damage on the EF Scale. While the story's scientific accuracy has been critiqued, the stunning visual effects make it a mesmerizing, nail-biting watch. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

The Fall Guy (PG-13) — Let's move on to a film that actually underperformed at the box office, even with its two notable stars. This action comedy loosely based on the 1980s TV series of the same name gave us another "Barbenheimer" moment by putting *Barbie's* Ryan Gosling opposite *Oppenheimer's* Emily Blunt. Gosling plays stuntman Colt Seavers, who is tasked by his film's producer to find the missing lead actor, Tom Ryder (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), and stop his ex-girlfriend's (Blunt) film from being ruined. Turning into somewhat of a bounty hunter, Colt starts to track Tom's whereabouts, but the closer Colt gets to finding him, the more Colt realizes that he's been seriously misled as to what's really going on with Tom. (Peacock)

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

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GAMING TODAY
 by Henry Tamburin

You Can't Complain if You Don't Know the Game

I have friends that like to visit their favorite local casino and play their favorite video poker game. They tell me they "play for fun" yet they always grumble about their losses. It also bugs them that I seem to be "lucky" when I play while they "never have any luck."

The fact of the matter is that my friends have no idea that the games they're playing almost guarantee they will be losers. For example, when they play video poker, they like to play Double Double Bonus because "you can get a big payoff when you hit four aces and a kicker." Here's the problem with their thinking.

The last time I went with them to the casino, I watched them literally run to the first Double Double Bonus video poker machine they could find. The husband and wife played next to each other. Neither one of them took the time to look at the pay schedule on the machine before they sat down. I glanced at the schedule, which showed that the full house paid 9 times your bet and the flush paid 5. That pay schedule is horrible. Your expected return if you played perfectly (which they don't) is 97.87%. In addition, it so happens that this same casino has Double Double Bonus games that pay 6 times your bet for a flush, which yields a 98.98% return with perfect play. But what is also more amazing is that this same casino has 9/6 Jacks or Better that has a 99.54% return for perfect play.

The second big issue that my friends have (which they are unaware of) is that they are playing a game (Double Double Bonus) that has a very high volatility. This means you can expect big swings in your bankroll (both positive and negative), and if you don't have a bigger bankroll when you play a highly volatile game, you can easily tap out. The reason that Double Double Bonus is very volatile is because the big payoffs that occur when you are dealt specific four-of-a-kind hands with a kicker occur very rarely. This results in high volatility.

Their philosophy when they play is that it is all luck and pay schedules don't mean anything. They also believe that the casino can "tighten and loosen" their machines any time they want. They also believe that the casinos can alter the program in the machine to make it harder for a player to get a royal flush.

I've spoken to them about their misconceptions about video poker and what they should be doing to improve their chances of winning, specifically:
 *If you have a short bankroll (which they have), you should play video poker games with low volatility (like Jacks or Better or Bonus Poker).
 *It's not the amount that you get for four of a kind that's important; it's what the pay schedule is for whatever game you are playing. You should always play the games that have the highest pay schedule and return.
 *There is an optimum playing strategy for every video poker game. You should bring a strategy card with you when you play (they are casino legal) and refer to it so you always make the correct playing decision.

*Casinos don't tighten their machines when they feel like it, nor can they alter the software program to make it more difficult to get a royal flush. Thus far, my advice has been ignored as they can continue to play their way and continue to grumble about their losses. Now at least YOU know what to do when you head to the casino to play video poker!

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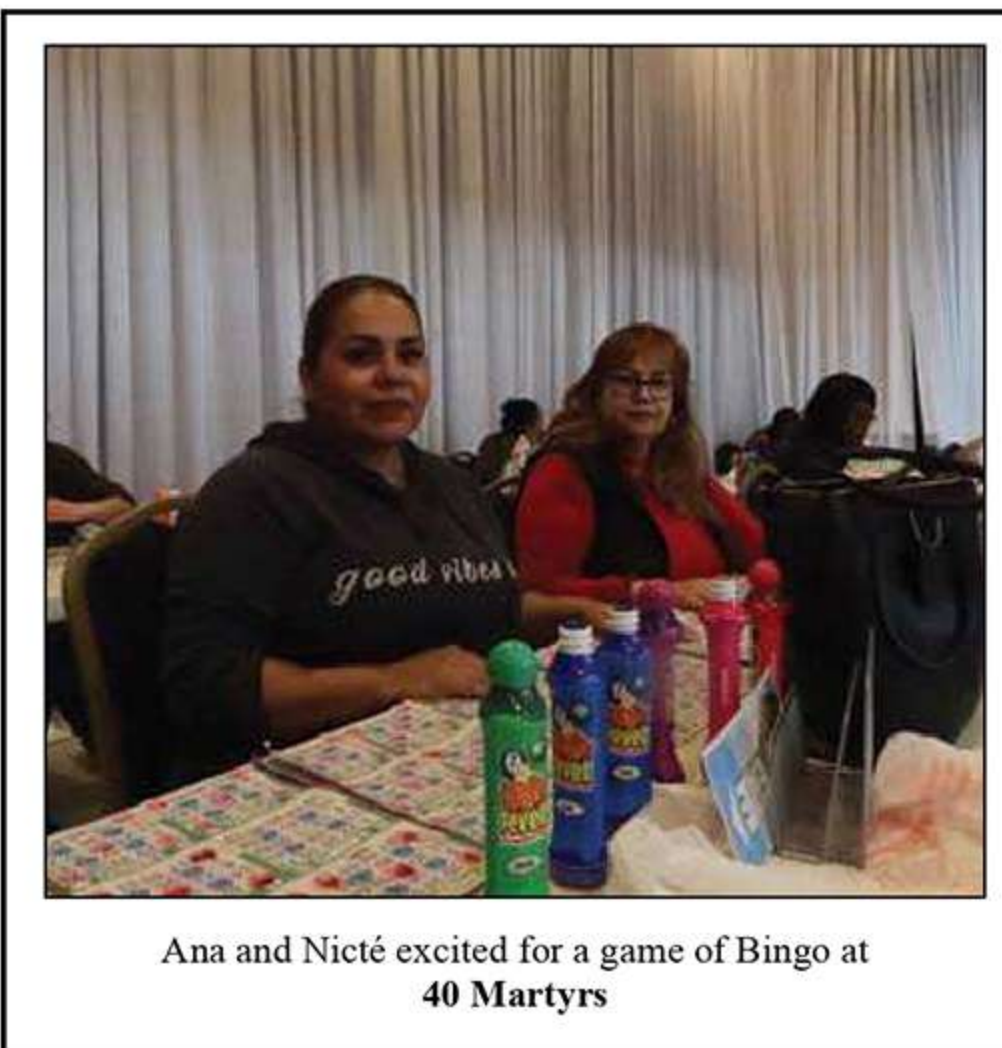
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Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

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DON'T TALK BACK, GO DO YOUR HOMEWORK, I'M ORDERING A PIZZA.

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

I'VE GOT IT PRETTY GOOD AROUND HERE!
I'M SPOILED ROTTEN!!
THAT WOULD EXPLAIN THAT SMELL.

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

SEAGULLS IN NEW JERSEY

The Garden Bug

It's easy to see why this Brazil native has become popular in nurseries, flower shops and garden centers around the world. The gloxinia (related to African violets) produce large, velvety, bell-shaped flowers that may be white, pink, red, purple, or blue. Place them in a brightly lit location in the home; they prefer temperatures of 65 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit. The soil should be kept evenly moist. When given good care, plants may bloom for several weeks. - Brenda Weaver

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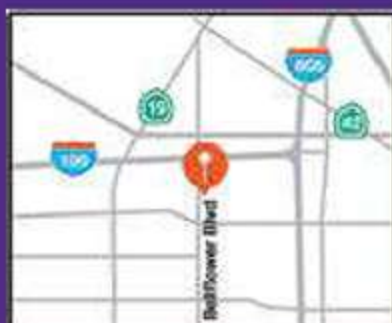
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Ghosts, Ghouls, and Sweetest Day

"Living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween." —Ms. Know It All

October is a spooky month during which we celebrate all things ghastly and ghostly. Years ago, my brothers and I would curl up on the couch and watch scary movies while munching pizza and popcorn. Chiller Theater came on at 11:30p.m Saturday night and we covered our heads with blankets when vampires, ghosts, or Frankenstein appeared on screen. Scared us s#%#%#%, but scary good fun! Now I'm in bed by 9:30p.m. and if I eat pizza and popcorn after 5:30 I get acid reflux which eats me alive as I chug water and chew Tums; while cursing myself for giving in to my bad snack habits. Bad Nan doesn't always listen to what her gut is warning her not to do.

October 25th is Frankenstein Friday, founded by Ron MacCloskey in 1997 to celebrate author Mary Shelley and her famous novel Frankenstein. Here's an idea for Halloween parties or better yet local bingos. Invite players to dress like Frankenstein with the best costume getting to play free; or players could come as ghosts or ghouls. Fun fact, it's been documented that almost 50% of Americans believe in the existence of ghosts. The ghosts of Abigail

Adams and Abraham Lincoln are said to be seen repeatedly in the White House.

If you're afraid of ghosts, then you are phasmophobic. Personally, I believe there are restless spirits that for whatever reason hang around our earthly sphere as it zooms through the universe. I don't wish any visitations from errant ghosts, but if they do appear, I tell them to let me alone and go into the light. I did that in Vegas, Hotel Apache, which is supposedly haunted. My cell phone, although off, kept ringing in the middle of the night. I told the visitor to leave and go into the light and my phone stopped ringing and I fell back asleep. Starting the year after my mother died and for years afterward, a music box she had given me would play by itself on Thanksgiving at the family gathering. It didn't do that any other time and I never wound it up. I think it was my mother stopping by to say hello. The first ghost story ever written was by Pliny the Younger, in the first century AD. He described his ghost as an old bearded man, shackled in chains, who resided with him in his house in Athens, Greece. Believe, or not to believe, that is the question each of us must answer according to what we see, feel, or hear going bump in the night.

October's birthstone is opal. Cleopatra's favorite stone, as it is for my daughters born this month. Cool fact, opal deposits have been discovered on Mars although how that discovery happened, I can't imagine. If you like pumpkin lattes, these blends were invented by Starbucks employee Peter Dukes in 2014, only ten years ago. I hope Mr. Dukes was well compensated for his unique creation. If so, he's undoubtedly a millionaire many times over by now. Lastly, October 19th is Sweetest Day, celebrating sweet things or events. My sweetheart, Robert, and I were married on Sweetest Day, forty-seven sweet years ago this month. Time is sweetest when you're with the sweet man you love.

Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. Contact: nlpzw6172@gmail.com



Corn Bread and Cheesy Muffins

Dear Ask Annie, I love serving corn muffins with soups. I am always buying them at the bakery. Well, the bakery in my neighborhood closed. Can you send me a recipe for corn muffins or corn bread? I love your column. *Jane Ellen from Illinois*

Dear Jane Ellen, I have two recipes for you, Annie's Corn Bread and Cheesy Corn Muffins. I suggest that you add the fresh corn kernels, if possible. Just buy one corn cob and remove the kernels with a sharp knife. It definitely improves the taste of the corn bread and corn muffins. —Annie

ANNIE'S CORN BREAD

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup sugar
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup yellow corn meal
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup shortening, softened
- ½ cup fresh corn kernels (optional)

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Coat a 9-inch square pan with non-stick cooking spray. In a large bowl, sift the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Stir in the corn meal. Add the egg, milk and shortening. Beat with an electric mixer until smooth, about one minute. Fold in the fresh corn kernels. Pour into the greased pan and bake for 20 to 25 minutes.

CHEESY CORN MUFFINS

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup yellow corn meal
- 1 cup milk
- ¾ cup cooking salad oil
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 3 ounces sharp processed American cheese, shredded
- ½ cup fresh corn kernels (optional)

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Grease the muffin tins or line with paper liners. In a large bowl, sift together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Stir in the cornmeal. Add the remaining ingredients. Fill the muffin pans two-thirds full. Bake for 15 minutes. Makes 12 muffins.



"Here ... it's time for you to fix dinner."

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

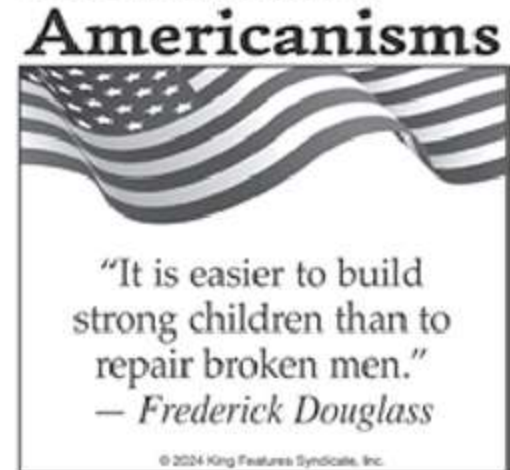
HOLLYWOOD — In 2017, Zendaya made her film debut in *Spider-Man: Homecoming* (an \$880 million box-office gross), followed by *The Greatest Showman* (a \$462 million gross), and topped by *Spider-Man: Far From Home* (a \$1.133 billion tally).

Even though *Dune: Part Two* made \$711.8 million, she couldn't carry *Challengers*, which grossed \$94.2 million against its \$55 million cost. But season three of her HBO series *Euphoria*, with Jacob Elordi, plans to resume production in January. She's currently filming *The Drama*, opposite Robert Pattinson. Oh, and she and hunky, young Spider-Man Tom Holland are hot and heavy out of the web, too!

Former Superman Henry Cavill had to inhale cigar smoke for 8 hours while filming his cameo for *Deadpool & Wolverine* as Cavilline, a Wolverine variant. Director Shawn Levy remembered, "[He] kept that cigar lit and in his mouth for the entirety of the shoot day. I remember hearing the next day that Henry got sick to his stomach because he had been inhaling cigar smoke for 8 hours straight, but never once did he waver."

Sounds like Superman's found his earthy kryptonite!

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Small Jackpots are the Law

Hi Guy, I was in Las Vegas not long ago and enjoyed the high-stakes Bingo I found there. Now it is a drag to be back home where the Bingo prizes are only in the hundreds at most. Why don't charity Bingos raise their pot amounts? I bet they would get a lot more players. —Les, via email

Dear Les, It isn't that charity Bingos don't want to increase the prize money; the fact is they can't. Charity Bingo is considered gambling and is therefore regulated by the states. Part of that regulation includes setting limits on how much money a charity Bingo can offer per session. And as you say, Les, it tends to be fairly low.

If you'd like to see a change, one thing you can do is to call and write to your state's gaming board and state assembly representatives and say that as a Bingo playing citizen you would like to see prize levels increased. You can encourage your fellow Bingo players to do the same.

If enough people do this, it will go a long way in enacting change. —Guy

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

Veterans Post



The New Burn Pit Registry

The Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry is launching again with a new design. The database will be open for study by researchers with the goal of identifying the health problems veterans suffer after being exposed to airborne hazards and burn pits, and to improve treatment. It's expected that 4.7 million veterans will be included in the registry.

Being listed in the registry won't have any impact on your benefits and health care (no personal medical information will be included), but the information gleaned from veterans and their experiences will go a long way to creating new and better treatments. And you don't even have to sign up. All veterans who served in specific locations during specific time periods will automatically be entered into the registry.

Information about each veteran will include demographics such as race, gender, dates and locations of deployments.

If you don't want to participate and want to opt out, go to vethome.va.gov/BurnPitRegistryOptOut. Or if you previously opted out and want back in, you can do that at vethome.va.gov/inquiry. Use this link as well if you discover that you're not in the new registry. You can request a manual eligibility review via that link.

To see the locations and dates for participation eligibility, or to read more in depth about the redesigned registry, go to www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/registry.asp.

A new VA program, as of June 2024, VET-HOME, uses free telehealth medical evaluations to help veterans who've had environmental exposures. Go to vethome.va.gov and review the six registry programs to see if you're eligible, or call 833-633-8846. If you have a DS Logon, ID.me or Login.gov account, you can sign in and chat with someone or schedule your free telehealth evaluation. Many veterans are eligible for more than one registry.

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Booktrib's BookBites



Peach Tea Smash

From Laura Childs

Murder at an Alice in Wonderland-themed event threatens to send Theodosia Browning through the looking glass in the latest entry in this New York Times bestselling series.

During the Mad Hatter Masquerade, a fundraiser hosted by the Friends of the Opera on the grounds of the old Pendleton Grist Mill, Harlan Sadler, husband of Cricket Sadler, the chairwoman, is killed.

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Cool, Crisp and Delicious: Making Vietnamese Salad Rolls at Home

Vietnamese salad rolls, also known as goi cuon, are a refreshing and versatile dish that combines vibrant flavors, colors and textures. Wrapped in delicate rice paper, they typically include fresh vegetables, herbs, vermicelli noodles and protein like shrimp or tofu. Not only are they a feast for the eyes, but they're a healthy and delicious no-cook meal, perfect for hot weather.

Making Vietnamese salad rolls at home is not only easy, but also budget friendly. By purchasing simple ingredients like rice paper, fresh vegetables and noodles, you can enjoy these delicious rolls for a fraction of the cost that you'd pay at a restaurant. Plus, homemade rolls allow you to customize ingredients to your personal taste.

Basic Vietnamese Salad Rolls

Yield: 4 to 5 servings
Total Time: 20 minutes

For the Salad Rolls:

- 8-10 rice paper wrappers
- 1 cup vermicelli noodles (cooked according to package instructions)
- 2 cups lettuce, chopped or shredded (romaine or butter lettuce works well)
- 1 cup carrots, julienned or grated
- 1 cup cucumber, julienned
- Fresh herbs (like mint, cilantro or Thai basil)
- Protein and specialty ingredient, see ideas below

Cook the vermicelli noodles according to package instructions. Rinse under cold water, drain and set aside. Prepare the vegetables and herbs. Choose and prepare your protein and specialty ingredients.

To assemble: Fill a large shallow dish with warm water. Dip one rice paper wrapper into the water for about 10 seconds until it's soft but still slightly

firm (it will continue to soften while rolling). Lay the softened rice paper on a clean, flat surface. These are sticky; you may wish to use parchment paper as your preparation surface. Word of advice: Rolling these takes a little practice. Don't expect your first try to come out perfect. Remember, even the ugly ones are still delicious!

In the lower third of the wrapper, place a small handful of vermicelli noodles, followed by a few pieces of lettuce, carrots, cucumber and herbs. Add protein and other ingredients.

Roll the salad roll:

Start by folding the bottom edge of the wrapper over the filling. Then fold in the sides tightly, followed by rolling it away from you to enclose the filling completely. The rolls should be snug but not too tight. Continue this process with the remaining wrappers and filling ingredients.

Protein and Specialty Ingredient Variations

Here are some delicious combinations to customize your salad rolls:

Shrimp & Avocado: Cooked shrimp (peeled and deveined), sliced avocado, lime juice for extra flavor.

Tofu & Mango: Firm tofu (pressed and sliced), ripe mango slices, fresh cilantro.

Chicken & Peanut Sauce: Grilled chicken breast (sliced), shredded cabbage, drizzle with peanut sauce before rolling.

Pork & Pickled Veggies: Cooked pork (thinly sliced), quick-pickled carrots and daikon radish, fresh mint.

Vegetarian Delight: Grilled eggplant and/or zucchini, sliced bell peppers, fresh basil and a sprinkle of sesame seeds.

Don't forget the dipping sauces! Here are a couple of quick options: Peanut Sauce: Mix peanut butter with soy sauce, lime juice and a bit of water to reach desired consistency. Hoisin Sauce: Simple and classic, just serve straight or mix with a little sriracha for heat.

Remember, you can prep the fillings in advance and assemble the rolls just before serving to keep everything fresh. To serve, keep the rolls covered with a damp paper towel to prevent them from drying out.

So why not roll up your sleeves and give these vibrant Vietnamese salad rolls a try? They're a delicious way to beat the heat, nourish your body and satisfy your taste buds.

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Do Not Slowplay in Poker or Run the Risk of Ruin!

By Jonathan Little

In a recent \$1,000 buy-in tournament at the World Series of Poker (WSOP), everyone folded to me in the hijack seat — the spot two right of the dealer button — and I raised to 500 out of my 12,000 effective stack holding the QsJs at 100/200 with a 200 big blind ante. So far, I have played a relatively tight, aggressive strategy. The player in the cutoff, who was unknown to me, called, as did the player on the button, and both blinds folded. When you raise before the flop and do not get re-raised, it is safe to assume that you are not against premium preflop hands, such as pocket aces and ace-king. Instead, you are usually against a range of reasonable hands including marginal pairs, big cards, and suited connectors.

The flop came Qc54c, giving me top pair with a backdoor flush draw. I bet 800 into the 2,000 pot. Both my opponents called.

When betting in a multi-way pot, you usually want to use a small size because you will rarely have a large range and nut advantage. While it wasn't the best flop to bet on because it should connect well with my opponents' ranges, as long as you expect your opponents to call too often with marginal made hands and junky draws, value betting queen-jack is fine. That said, if hands that queen-jack crushes like pocket sevens and ace-jack will fold, then checking becomes ideal.

The turn was the 10s, giving me a flush draw in addition to my top pair. I bet 1,400 into the 4,400 pot. Checking may be ideal, but as long as your opponents will call with numerous inferior hands, continuing to build the pot with a made hand that is usually good plus a premium draw is a strong option.

To my surprise, the cutoff raised to 4,200 and the button folded. If the cutoff plays well at all, he should have a premium hand, perhaps two pair and better, and a few premium draws like KcJc.

Even though I am likely beat at the moment, calling with my flush draw makes sense due to the pot odds plus the implied odds.

I have to put in 2,800 more to win the 10,000 pot plus the 2,800 more I would be putting in, meaning I needed to win at least 2,800/12,800 = 22% of the time. In the worst-case scenario, when my opponent has three of a kind, I will only win 18% of the time, making this call slightly unprofitable. Against three of a kind though, I will likely be able to get the rest of my stack in on the river when I make a flush. If my opponent has a worse hand than three of a kind though, my call is immediately profitable.

I called 2,800 more and the river was the beautiful As, completing my flush.

On this extremely scary river, my opponent will be highly likely to check behind with three of a kind. Leading on the river rarely makes sense, but in this spot it is the only good option.

I pushed all in for 6,500 and after some thought, my opponent called off with three 4s, giving me a full double up.

So, where did my opponent go wrong? He should have simply raised my bet on the flop. When you flop three of a kind on a draw-heavy board, you should be happy to build a pot immediately.

Instead, my opponent decided to make a small raise on the turn, forcing me to continue with all my draws, all of which have excellent equity. This time, his errors cost him his tournament life.

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2. Sistema Ox Bel Ha, Mexico	270.8 miles
3. Shuanghedong Cave Network, China	249 miles
4. Sistema Sac Actun/Sistema Dos Ojos, Mexico	239.9 miles
5. Jewel Cave, US	217.3 miles
6. Optymistychna Cave, Ukraine	164.4 miles
7. Wind Cave, US	161.7 miles
8. Clearwater Cave System, Malaysia	159 miles
9. Lechuguilla Cave, US	150.4 miles
10. Fisher Ridge Cave System, US	131.8 miles

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Finding Senior Discounts

There are more senior discounts available than we might have expected. We only have to find them!

Check AARP if you are a member. This is where I discovered that the Walmart Plus membership I use for delivery of groceries could be had for \$20 less per year, because of my AARP membership.

Look through the AARP list by putting discounts in the search box. You'll get over 2,300 results. Use the dropdown menu on the left side and click the ones that apply to you. Look for 50% off at LensCrafters and discounts at The UPS Store.

Elsewhere online, go to The Senior List (www.theselector.com/senior-discounts) and scroll through the offerings, which includes grocery stores, retail, restaurants and more.

Amazon Prime (amazon.com) can be had for 50% off if you receive government assistance such as Medicaid and SSI.

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Living on the Cheap (livingonthecheap.com) has several categories for reduced-price shopping, travel, entertainment and more. Check their listings by state.

Don't forget "birthday freebies"—at in many places, such as a scoop of ice cream from Baskin-Robbins, a Grand Slam breakfast at Denny's and pancakes at IHOP.

Search for "senior discounts 2024"—you'll find many possibilities. Add the name of your state to narrow it down even more. Look for discounts on travel, cellphone plans, restaurants, theaters, groceries, pet supplies—everything you need or want. You never know what you'll find!

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Lucky Predictions for October 2024

ARIES: March 21 to April 19

1st thru 6th... Live it up late the 6th!
7th thru 12th... Electrifying 11th-12th!
13th thru 18th... Luck's on your side 16th!
19th thru 24th... More than once 19th-20th!
25th thru 31st... A grand display 24th-25th!

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20

1st thru 6th... Best chance early the 1st!
7th thru 12th... Hard card luck 9th-10th!
13th thru 18th... Dream fulfilled 13th-14th!
19th thru 24th... Mom's good luck 22nd-23rd!
25th thru 31st... Strategic risk pays 26th!

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21

1st thru 6th... Get down on it 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th... Wild ride 12th & 16th!
13th thru 18th... Unstoppable the 16th!
19th thru 24th... Incredible week!!
25th thru 31st... Get on board 25th & 29th!

CANCER: June 22 to July 22

1st thru 6th... Surprises & wins 4th-5th!
7th thru 12th... Not yet
13th thru 18th... Prepare to win 15th & 18th!
19th thru 24th... Your wealth expands 23rd!
25th thru 31st... Work & win 26th-27th!

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22

1st thru 6th... You're on fire the 3rd!
7th thru 12th... Easy wins 7th & 8th!
13th thru 18th... All on RED 15th-17th!
19th thru 24th... Go for the gusto 19th-21st!
25th thru 31st... There's your jackpot 29th-30th!

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

1st thru 6th... Several keepers 4th-5th!
7th thru 12th... Hard card conquers 9th-10th!
13th thru 18th... Fun & fabulous 17th-18th!
19th thru 24th... Blessings galore 22nd-23rd!
25th thru 31st... Best chances the 31st!

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

1st thru 6th... Much to like 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th... Big breaks 11th-12th!
13th thru 18th... Forget about it
19th thru 24th... Huge potential 21st & 24th!
25th thru 31st... Your turn. GO 29th-30th!

SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21

1st thru 6th... Got it goin' on the 5th!
7th thru 12th... Cash flows to you 9th-10th!
13th thru 18th... Instincts get results 13th-14th!
19th thru 24th... True BLUE bounty 22nd-23rd!
25th thru 31st... Plan bigger 26th-27th!

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

1st thru 6th... Fruitful replay 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th... It's ALL good 11th-12th!
13th thru 18th... Seein' s believin' 15th-16th!
19th thru 24th... RED rev's er up 24th-25th!
25th thru 31st... Plenty more \$S 29th-30th!

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

1st thru 6th... Headed for winning 4th-5th!
7th thru 12th... Hard cards & more 9th-10th!
13th thru 18th... You rule 14th & 18th!
19th thru 24th... Don't bet on it
25th thru 31st... Go for the GREEN 26th-27th!

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

1st thru 6th... Listen & win 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th... Way to go 11th-12th!
13th thru 18th... Top \$S plays 15th-16th!
19th thru 24th... The envy of all 20th-21st!
25th thru 31st... VIOLET victory 29th-30th!

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20

1st thru 6th... A stand-out triumph 4th-5th!
7th thru 12th... Risk worth taking 9th-10th!
13th thru 18th... Lucky plays 17th-18th!
19th thru 24th... Super chances 22nd-23rd!
25th thru 31st... Sit on it 'til the 31st!

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

PREDICTORS LUCKY CARD FOR OCTOBER 2024

1	21	35	55	70
8	23	39	53	74
15	16	★	56	63
5	25	36	47	68
14	22	33	49	67

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS OCTOBER 2024

1st	International Coffee Day
2nd	New Moon
3rd	Rosh Hashana
5th	World Teacher's Day
10th	First Quarter Moon
12th	Yom Kippur
14th	Columbus Day
17th	Full Moon
22nd	Smart is Cool Day
24th	Last Quarter Moon
25th	World Pasta Day
31st	Halloween



by Frederick Woodruff
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Horoscopes for October 2024

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): The full Moon on the 16th rearranges how you exert your will and move forward into life. What's required now is a gentler but still firm touch. Make time to enjoy the pleasures of home and the support you experience there. It's OK to slow the pace this month.

Lucky Days: 8 - 11
Lucky Numbers: 56 - 58

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): Re-evaluating your relationships now is critical. Put ending (or mending) some of the more complicated bonds in your life at the top of your to-do list. Fine-tuning your social life allows you to concentrate on finishing some of the major projects you started earlier this year.

Lucky Days: 6 - 22
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 32

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): The good vibes surrounding you this month allow you to project enthusiasm into the environment. This should benefit your affairs at work and in asking for favors. Some would call this a lucky phase, but, really, it's about letting your innate talents shine effortlessly.

Lucky Days: 6 - 18
Lucky Numbers: 55 - 59

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Pop out of your shell and see the big picture surrounding you. Mars, the dynamo planet, is in your sign, goading you to move away from shyness and into the spotlight. You often downplay your best attributes, but this isn't the time to do so. We're all waiting for you to shine.

Lucky Days: 8 - 25
Lucky Numbers: 8 - 19

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): The full Moon on the 16th pulls you into a wrestling match. You have two essential goals before you, but only one will bring you the satisfaction you seek in your career right now. Weigh both sides carefully, and then pick your winning strategy at the end of the month.

Lucky Days: 8 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 45

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): Now's the time to embrace the positive aspects of maturing. Allow yourself to put into practice the wisdom you've accrued and share its benefits with others. You've always been a bit of a teacher; this is the time to show us more about those gifts.

Lucky Days: 3 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 22 - 34

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): It's your birthday season, although you're feeling a little more coy than usual. See if you can assert yourself and experiment a little in the dating department. Keep your eye out for folks who walk to a different drummer; that person will inspire you most now.

Lucky Days: 11 - 22
Lucky Numbers: 19 - 36

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): Mercury and Venus have visited your sign this month, sparking new ways of thinking about your ideals and love life. While inspiration is high right now, you'll profit best by setting a deadline for yourself and keeping the promise of reaching your goal uppermost.

Lucky Days: 19 - 30
Lucky Numbers: 55 - 59

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): You're moving back and forth between taking in more information or focusing on the guidance received from your intuition. Establish clear guardrails about how much unnecessary data you consume and stick to the facts that serve your life best.

Lucky Days: 1 - 11
Lucky Numbers: 23 - 28

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20): Anxiety is a part of life for all of us, but you can monitor how much agitation you allow into your world. Cut back on negative input and opinions from friends or work associates. Limit time on the computer or in front of the TV. Get outdoors and align with your sign's earth element.

Lucky Days: 9 - 26
Lucky Numbers: 3 - 19

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): Careful planning is this month's keynote. Gather the facts, crunch the books, and strategize how to organize your finances. You've had your share of bumpy economic twists and turns this year, but smart budgeting can set everything right quickly.

Lucky Days: 8 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 22 - 44

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): Remember that old advertisement "Is it real or is it Memorex?" This month, you could ask the same question about your imagination and dream life. Pay attention to the borderline between fantasy and reality. It's thinner than you think.

Lucky Days: 7 - 11
Lucky Numbers: 7 - 17

THE MIDDLETONS

By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers



Nevada Happenings

Swingers Crazy Golf Opening

November 8 marks the beginning of "partee" time in Las Vegas, when Swingers adults-only crazy golf club and high-end entertainment venue will open its flagship location at Mandalay Bay. It will be the latest in a line—Atomic Golf at Strat and Pop Stroke extreme mini-golf at Town Square—of golf attractions arriving here. The 40,000-square-foot Swingers will include four "crazy golf" courses, several bars and a street-food eatery, arcade, and a two-story English country house attraction (Swingers was founded in London and claims to have pioneered the "competitive socializing" golf experience). The miniature golf courses will feature such challenging obstacles as moving installations (windmills, waterwheels, and carousels), jumps, and loops. Swingers debuted in 2014 and currently operates four locations: two in London, one in Washington, D.C., and one in New York City, with forthcoming locations in Dubai (opening fall 2024) and Boston (2025).

Hawaiian Wins Big

A visitor from Oahu hit a recent Wheel of Fortune jackpot at the California for \$891,775; the \$1.75 bet triggered a bonus round and the winning combo arrived. In June, another Hawaiian was visiting Las Vegas with his son, who just turned 21, when he hit a WoF jackpot for \$1.5 million.

Bellagio Buffet Not Closing

Contrary to a rumor circulating around social media, the Bellagio Buffet isn't closing to become a food hall. *The Las Vegas Review-Journal* reported that MGM Resorts refuted the rumor in a recent statement.

More Residencies Announced

Country superstar Blake Shelton has been focusing on Las Vegas lately. His big barn of a restaurant-entertainment venue, Ole Red, opened at the Horseshoe earlier this year. His wife, Gwen Stefani, had a long residency here a few years ago and has made one-off appearances ever since; both have performed at Ole Red a few times. And now Shelton has announced his own six-date mini-set of shows. "Blake Shelton: Live in Las Vegas" will play at the Colosseum at Caesars Palace on February 5, 7, 8, 12, 14, and 15.

The End of Battle Bots?

Battle Bots, the American TV series in which custom remote-controlled robots of all shapes, sizes, and weaponry try to rip each other to pieces, opened a live show, dubbed "Destruct-A-Thon," in the Caesars Entertainment Studios next to the Horseshoe in March 2023. The show closed earlier this month and according to the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, is retooling for a new production.

Ghosts of Vegas Past

An interesting story by *Las Vegas Review-Journal* entertainment writer Christopher Lawrence describes "seven classic Las Vegas experiences that have faded away": 1) Golden Gate's 99-cent shrimp cocktail, 2) inexpensive buffets, 3) showgirls on stage, 4) 24-hour availability of marriage licenses, 5) big cats on stage, 6) free parking everywhere, and 7) "be a complete degenerate on Fremont Street" (at Mermaids and La Bayou). Lawrence includes some good history and the photos are excellent. You can read the article on the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* website.

Lucky Lotto News

Big Scam or Smart Plan?

Someone spent \$25 million to buy 26 million lottery tickets so they could have a ticket for almost every possible number combination that could arise—and it worked. They won \$95 million, the third-largest Lotto jackpot in Texas history.

In April 2023, a New Jersey-based company called Rook TX orchestrated the insanely large lotto ticket purchase remotely, using stores associated with online lottery sales. According to an investigation by the *Houston Chronicle*, the Texas Lottery Commission actually aided them by quickly providing the stores with a massive order of lottery terminals, which they needed to process so many sales (over 20-times the usual number of Lotto tickets were sold on the day Rook TX won).

None of this is illegal. But people are upset because the commission didn't investigate the rush order on the terminals. Many questions should have been asked, considering that immediately acquiescing to such a request is a violation of the commission's regulations, according to the *Chronicle*.

The buyer collected a lump sum of \$57.8 million. They essentially doubled their money by making a few phone calls to a regulatory body asleep at the wheel. It wasn't risk-free, though. There was roughly a one-in-ten chance that someone else would win that day. If that had happened, they would've split the pot—and Rook TX would've actually lost money on the whole thing.

Now, Texas lawmakers have called for reforms of the lottery commission, and the commission supposedly reviewed and adjusted its procedures to prevent something like this from happening again.

Mom Wins Big on Special Day

After buying a ticket at a local store in Lakeland, Florida, Geraldine Gimblet won a \$2 million prize. What made it even more special? She bought it shortly after her daughter completed her last cancer treatment. "The day before my mom bought this ticket, I rang the bell and walked out of the hospital after completing my last treatment for breast cancer," said her daughter, who was in tears when she spoke to lottery officials. Gimblet's daughter was emotional as she shared why her mother was so deserving. "My mom had taken out her life savings to take care of me when I was sick," she said. "At first the gas station clerk thought there were no tickets left, but I asked him to double check because I like the crossword games the best," the big winner explained to lottery officials. "He found the last one!" When she came to lottery headquarters to receive her winnings, she was joined by both her daughter and granddaughter. As for her big check, Gimblet chose the one-time payment of \$1,645,000 for her prize.

Lotto Clubs Wins Powerball

Seventy-eight Michigan healthcare workers collectively won a \$1 million Powerball prize recently, which equates to around \$12,800 for each member before taxes, according to a release from the state lottery. The group of doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers from Traverse City have been playing the lottery through their club of about 65 members who "consistently play, but anyone can throw in money whenever they choose," explained Bernard Bossert Jr., the club's representative, who bought the winning ticket at a CVS. "Everyone in our club is ecstatic," Bossert said.

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