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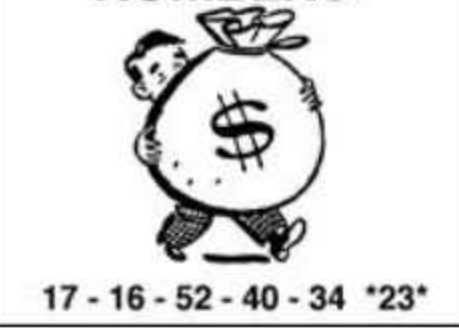
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Casino Q&A

Q: What are the odds of hitting a back-to-back jackpot?

A: It's commonly believed that once a jackpot is hit, it won't hit again for a long time. The truth is that a jackpot has the same chance of hitting on the very next spin. Here's a sad but true story. Players tend to avoid playing a machine with winning symbols appearing on the screen. So, after a jackpot hand-pay, it's customary in some casinos for a casino employee to ask the winning player to make another spin to clear the winning symbols from the screen. One winning player refused to do so, and the employee made the spin to clear the screen. And as luck would have it, another jackpot was hit. Who did this second jackpot belong to, the player or the casino? If you guessed the casino, you're right.

Q: If I hit a \$5,000 jackpot, can I ask the casino to withhold some of it for income tax purposes?

A: No. Casinos don't work for the IRS. As a rule, casinos don't withhold money from reportable U.S. winnings. You would be better off taking money set aside for tax purposes and put it into some sort of savings account at your bank or credit union then payout what you need at tax time. Money given early to the IRS doesn't earn any interest.

GAMING HEALTH TIP: Slot machines, casino chips, playing cards, doorknobs, handrails and other casino objects are touched by hundreds, if not thousands, of people every day. As a result, these objects become breeding grounds for a wide variety of germs and viruses. And your chances of returning home with a case of the "casino flu" are much greater than with a wallet full of cash.
When you walk past a casino restroom, think of all the surfaces you have touched. Then go in and wash your hands. How long? Say the English alphabet (slowly). After drying your hands with a paper towel, use the same towel to turn off the faucets—washroom faucets are prime sources of contamination. An alternative to hand washing is the use of a hand sanitizer, either alcohol-based or gel-available at any drug store or casino gift shop. This simple health precaution will drastically reduce your chances of returning home with the "casino flu."

SNOWFLAKES by Japheth Light

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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What Should You Do with Top Pair Facing Lots of Aggression?

By Jonathan Little

Imagine you are eight-handed in the World Series of Poker (WSOP) Main Event with 100,000 in chips at the 200/400/400 blind level. It folds to you in middle position and you look down at the AdQd. You raise to 1,000 and it folds around to a loose, splashy player on the button who three-bets to 3,400. A tight, aggressive player in the small blind then cold calls and it folds to you.

What should you do? The worst thing you could do is four-bet into two opponents who have shown lots of strength. You have a chance to put 2,400 chips into a pot that will be 11,000 closing the action, which is an excellent situation with your hand. While calling is definitely the right move, you should be cautious if you hit top pair on the flop. The tight, aggressive player in the small blind could easily have aces, kings, or ace-king, which means you should not start blasting when you hit top pair.

You call, the flop comes AcJs4s, and the small blind checks.
Even though this is a fine flop for you, you should almost never lead into the prelop three-bettor. The button can easily be holding aces, ace-jack, or ace-king, and you still have to worry about the small blind in this multi-way pot. If your check is followed by either a bet and a call or a bet and a raise, it is wise to fold your top pair.

You check, the button bets 6,000, and the small blind folds.
While not a premium hand, your ace-queen is certainly good enough to bluff catch when a splashy player bets. Raising would charge your opponent when they hold two spades, but flush draws should make up only a small portion of their range. Calling forces your splashy opponent to stay in the pot with their entire range, which is what you want with your bluff catchers because if you raise, they will fold all or most of their junk that you crush.

You call and the turn is the 3h. You check and the button bets 12,000.

By making a reasonably large bet size on the turn, your opponent is showing a reason for you to be concerned. While they are representing a strong polarized range, you cannot fold to an overly aggressive opponent on this safe turn.

You make the call, the river is the Jd, and it checks through prompting you opponent to reveal the As5s. By playing cautiously you minimized risk but still won a nice pot.

Jonathan Little is a professional poker player and author with over \$7,000,000 in live tournament earnings. He writes a weekly educational blog and hosts a podcast at JonathanLittlePoker.com. Sign up to learn poker from Jonathan for free at PokerCoaching.com. You can follow him on Twitter @JonathanLittle.

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BOB ON BINGO

By Bob Whittmore

The Birth of Bingo

First of all, MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY HANUKKAH and the all the best in the coming year. I thought I would end the year by answering a common question: "What is the origin of modern-day Bingo?"

The general consensus is that what we know today as Bingo started about 500 years ago in Italy. At that time there was a nationwide lottery. It was called "Il Gioco del Lotto d'Italia."

By the 18th century (the 1700s) the concept had made its way to parts of Europe, including England and France. By this time, the game of picking out numbered squares had changed from a way to make a lot of money to a way to make a little money while having fun with companions. As European society crossed the Atlantic, so did the spread of the game. Over subsequent years, some of the players of the game began to mark their squares with dried beans. Soon, everyone was calling the game "Beano."

Now, here is a name to remember: Edwin S. Lowe. He was a toy manufacturer. He traveled the country peddling his ideas for toys. One night, with too much time on his hands, he stopped into a carnival on the outskirts of a small town in Georgia. He noticed that all the booths and attractions had closed, except for one. It was a small stand where people were laughing and shouting. They were playing Beano.

He took the concept back to his offices on Long Island and in late 1926 he began to produce a kind of home version of the game. At a dinner party, he had his guests play. When one woman won, she didn't yell "Beano" but instead yelled BINGO. And, as they say, the rest is history.

Lowe began to merchandise the game. But, HIS version of Bingo had a major flaw. He had a very limited number of combinations of cards (24)—and this was before the age of computers.

Sometime later, as he continued to try to commercialize the game, he got a call from a Catholic priest on the east coast. The priest said that his parish was using Bingo as a fundraiser, but there were too few combinations to really make the evening exciting. Lowe had a religious background, and he understood the need for fundraisers. He had been born in Poland. His father was a rabbi. He studied in the Holy Land. Certainly, he'd love to help the priest.

Lowe hired a mathematical expert who increased the combinations to 6,000.

By the way, Lowe used his profits from Bingo to invent and sell another famous game...Yahtzee. So, now you know.



Fun Holiday Beverages for the Kidlets

I've put together a few Christmas (or any holiday) beverage recipes that are kid-friendly, yet wonderfully delicious that most adults should enjoy them as well (or add some liquor to the adult servings). These are simple recipes, so most kids can help—older kids may be able to make these without adult assistance.

Grinch Punch
There are several versions of Grinch Punch on the internet, but this is how I make it:
-48oz tub of lime sherbet
-two COLD 2-liter bottles of ginger ale (lemon-lime sodas also work)
-maraschino cherries for garnish (optional)
Put the lime sherbet in a punchbowl. Slowly add one of the two bottles of ginger ale. Pour servings of the punch into cups or mugs, and garnish with a maraschino cherry or lime slice or both. Use more ginger ale as the sherbet begins to melt.

top ten

MOST EXPENSIVE MOBILE PHONES, 2024

1. Falcon Supernova iPhone 6 Pink Diamond - \$48.5 million
2. iPhone 5 Black Diamond - \$15 million
3. Stuart Hughes iPhone 4S Elite Gold - \$9.4 million
4. Stuart Hughes iPhone 4 Diamond Rose - \$8 million
5. Goldstriker iPhone 3Gs Supreme - \$3.2 million
6. iPhone 3G Kings Button - \$2.5 million
7. Diamond Crypto Smartphone - \$1.3 million
8. Goldfish Le Million - \$1 million
9. Gresso Luxor Las Vegas Jackpot - \$1 million
10. Goldfish Revolution - \$488,150

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Crockpot Hot White Chocolate with Candy Canes
This makes a lovely pink cocoa drink. Serves about 8.
Plop all this into your Crockpot or slow cooker:
-½ gallon whole milk
-8 oz of white chocolate bars, broken up
-½ cup crushed candy canes
-1 tsp vanilla
Stir all together, cover and cook on HIGH for about 1 ½ hours, stirring every 15 minutes. Pour into mugs. For added fun, garnish with marshmallows or whipped cream or candy canes... make it your own!

Festive Sparkling Cherry Mocktail
I love cherry drinks! I'm a kid at heart... or my taste buds are. This is another easy drink to prepare. If it serves about 4 people, but it takes little time to throw together, so just keep making more as needed.
Ingredients:
-1 liter lemon-lime soda (like 7-up or Sprite)
-4 oz grenadine
-2 T lime juice
-maraschino cherries for garnish
Put the soda, grenadine, and lime juice in a pitcher. Stir gently to combine ingredients. Pour into cups over ice. Garnish with maraschino cherries. Easy peasy!

I hope you enjoy these sweet holiday beverages, and I hope everyone has a happy healthy holiday season!

Plaza Hotel & Casino announces first-ever New Year's Eve Super Bingo event
Super Bingo participants can play and stay 5 nights for just \$400!

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 29, 2024) – Home to downtown Las Vegas' only bingo room, the Plaza Hotel & Casino will hold Las Vegas' first-ever New Year's Eve Super Bingo event, Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Wednesday, Jan. 1.

For this inaugural New Year's Eve \$160,000 Super Bingo, participants can play and enjoy a 5-night stay from Sunday, Dec. 29 through Thursday, Jan. 2 for just \$400, with no resort fees. Super Bingo players also receive as a bonus \$20 in free slot play.

Upcoming Super Bingo event dates in 2025 are Feb. 3-5, March 3-5, April 7-9, May 5-7, and June 2-4.

Held in the Plaza's ballroom, Super Bingo draws nearly 1,000 people from across the country and as far away as Hawaii and Canada for the opportunity to win big playing fun-filled games of bingo over two days, with a \$50,000 super coverall both days while socializing with like-minded bingo players.

Rooms for the event are limited. Registration is available online at <https://www.plazahotelcasino.com/bingo/super-bingo-registration/> or by phone at 702-386-2318.

All Super Bingo players receive one 6-on paper pack for both days, two daubers, free drinks via an open bar at all sessions, and boxed lunch both days.

The Plaza's Bingo room offers six daily bingo sessions at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 A group of people sitting at tables

Description automatically generated p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. and is located two floors above the main casino. By parking on the third floor of the Plaza's self-parking garage, guests have convenient and direct access to the Plaza's bingo room.



The Garden Bug *Monotropa uniflora* lacks chlorophyll pigments and appears white. It grows in the decaying debris of dark, dense-growth forests across the Northern Hemisphere. Each stem bears a single delicate flower that hangs downward, which protects its pollen from the rain and lets insect pollinators access it. The clear fluid from its stems has been used to treat eye problems, skin problems, seizures and pain by Native Americans and traditional medicine practitioners. — Brenda Weaver

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I just retired from working the graveyard shift for 40 years. I am hoping you can share some information on how to safely learn to sleep at night once again. — E.H.

ANSWER: Changing your body's circadian rhythm isn't always easy, and after such a long time, it will take longer for you. But it shouldn't be as difficult as you might fear. When people fly to the other part of the world, they need to get accustomed to a new sleep schedule, and it usually doesn't take more than a week or two for them to get accustomed. For you, it will be difficult learning to be up during the day, which is more of a behavioral issue than a circadian-rhythm issue.

The first advice I give is to push your internal time clock forward, not backward. Try to stay up two hours or so later each day until you get to a bedtime that works with your family (if appropriate) and goals. Your body has an easier time moving forward than backward.

Bright light can be your friend or your enemy. You want bright light when you wake up, not right before bed. Computers, phones and tablets all put out light that signals your brain to wake up, so don't use these before bed. Making sure that your bedroom is dark when you want to sleep is something you probably have already done, but it's still worth mentioning.

Caffeine is very helpful to a lot of people, so if you partake, do so when you awaken, not before bedtime. Some people metabolize caffeine slowly, so if you do, don't have any caffeine for at least 8 hours before planning to go to sleep.

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

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

* Avid readers won't be intimidated by a hefty novel, but they'll still surely be impressed by what's been deemed the largest book ever. Weighing more than 3,000 pounds and measuring 16.40 feet by 26.44 feet with 429 pages inside, the book, which is titled *This is Muhammad*, was created in 2012 by 50 people working together in the United Arab Emirates.

* Prior to 1949, tennis court grass was kept at 2 inches long — that is, until a player was bitten by a snake. It's now typically maintained at a length of 8 mm.

* Scientists have found evidence of take-out restaurants in the remains of Pompeii.

* Japan has the highest density of vending machines worldwide, with approximately 5 million machines, or one machine for every 23 people. You can buy everything from live lobsters and bread in a can, to underwear and Buddhist amulets from a vending machine.

* The first European who learned to smoke from the natives was arrested back home because people thought he was possessed by the devil.

* Dolly Parton's parents paid the doctor who delivered her with a bag of cornmeal.

* The most expensive domain name ever sold was Voice.com, which was acquired for \$30 million in 2019.

* Caribbean sperm whales have their own accents.

* After an 8.0 magnitude earthquake hit Mexico City in 1985, nearly all newborn babies survived a collapsed hospital for seven days without nourishment, water, warmth or human contact.

* A flea can accelerate faster than a space shuttle.

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QUESTIONS

1. What is the nickname of the Australian women's national basketball team?
2. Name the cable TV channel that launched on December 31, 1995, and was dedicated primarily to auto racing and other motorsports.
3. What golfer, at age 59, lost a four-hole playoff to Stewart Cink and finished second at the 2009 Open Championship?
4. Brothers Matt and Tim Hasselbeck both played quarterback for what college team?
5. Before it became the Michael Jordan Trophy in 2022, the award for the NBA's Most Valuable Player was named after what sports administrator?
6. Austria's Gudrun Pfleger, four-time winner of the women's World Mountain Running Championships from 1992-96, dedicated her post-athletic career to the study and conservation of what animals?
7. What St. Louis Cardinals third baseman hit two grand slam home runs in one inning in an April 1999 game? (Hint: His son debuted with the San Diego Padres in 2019.)

ANSWERS

1. The Opals.
2. Speedvision (rebranded as Speed Channel in 2002).
3. Tom Watson.
4. The Boston College Eagles.
5. Maurice Podoloff.
6. Wolves.
7. Fernando Tatís Sr.

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HOLLYWOOD
by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Dwayne Johnson, aka the Rock, has played everything from *The Scorpion King* to *The Tooth Fairy*. Now he's taking on the action-adventure Christmas comedy *Red One*, with Chris Evans, Lucy Liu, J.K. Simmons, Nick Kroll and Bonnie Hunt.

In addition to his voice role in *Moana 2*, he's working on the sports drama *The Smashing Machine*, with Emily Blunt, which will be released in 2025. But there's no rest for the busy Rock, as he's also preparing to star in the live-action version of *Moana*, with Catherine Laga'aia, which is slated for release in July 2026.

At 52, he's moved from wrestling to movies to philanthropy by starting the Dwayne Johnson Rock Foundation for at-risk and terminally ill children. He also gave a \$1 million donation to the University of Miami and \$25,000 to Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. In addition, he donated a gym to a military base in Oahu, Hawaii, and gave a seven-figure donation to the SAG-AFTRA Foundation during the actors' strike, just to name some of his philanthropic efforts. If he can make people believe that he's the *Tooth Fairy* and make over \$100 million doing it, he can do anything!

 Fresh off his second Emmy win for *The Bear*, Jeremy Allen White will play music legend Bruce Springsteen in the biopic *Deliver Me from Nowhere*. About the project, White offered, "Bruce has been really lovely and supportive and available, which has made this whole process an extra joy." The film traces Springsteen's journey of making his 1982 album, *Nebaska*.

White's already completed *You Can't Win*, set in the 1920s hobo underworld. The film follows the unusual friendship between an adventurer and a young prostitute, and it co-stars Julia Garner and Will Patton.

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Test Your Knowledge

1. MOVIES: Who was the only actor to receive an Oscar nomination for work in a *Star Wars* movie?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is a body of land with water on three sides called?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: In 1960, which two candidates participated in the first televised presidential debate in 1960?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What type of flower produces vanilla bean pods?
5. MUSIC: What was the name of blues musician Stevie Ray Vaughn's first Fender Stratocaster?
6. SCIENCE: What type of gas is absorbed by plants?
7. LITERATURE: What is the name of the submarine in *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*?
8. TELEVISION: What is Clair Huxtable's profession in *The Cosby Show*?
9. ANATOMY: What is a more common name for the sternum?
10. ART: Which European city houses the Rijksmuseum?

ANSWERS

1. Alec Guinness.
2. A peninsula.
3. John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon.
4. Orchid.
5. Number One.
6. Carbon dioxide.
7. Nautilus.
8. Lawyer.
9. Breastbone.
10. Amsterdam.

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The Culinary Arts

Now that it's colder and darker outside, it's a great time to pick up a new indoor hobby like cooking. Whether you're a seasoned gastronome, you're just looking for inspiration, or you have never touched a whisk in your life, these podcasts come highly recommended on the interweb:

The Splendid Table — Hosted by award-winning food journalist Francis Lam, this culinary culture and lifestyle podcast airs on public radio and is a "food show where everyone is welcome." Learn about the how-to of special recipes and the origins of the food itself. Recent episodes feature sourdough expert Richard Hart and Appalachian chef Ashleigh Shanti. In another delightful episode, Evie McGee Colbert and her husband, late-night talk show host Stephen Colbert, discuss their food traditions and the family dynamics that inspired their new book *Does This Taste Funny?* (SplendidTable.org)

Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Radio — This weekly podcast promises that you'll always find the unexpected when you tune in, such as "a visit to the Museum of Failure, the joys of eyeball Jell-O, and how to eat your way through Italy." Be sure to download the episode from this October, featuring *Top Chef*'s Tom Colicchio as he shares his enticing stories from inside the restaurant kitchens that he's commanded over the past 30 years. In another recommended episode from September, guest Jason Wise talks about his film *Somm: Cup of Salvation* and the winemaker who smuggled ancient grapes from Iran. (177MilkStreet.com)

Recipe Club — Famed chef/restaurant David Chang and his friends "sift through millions of recipes to find the very best way to make the food you want to eat (subjectively speaking, of course)." Each week they cook a dish, analyze it, discuss it, and figure out how you could make it better at home. The episode titles don't leave you guessing; you'll know exactly what they're making, but there is sure to be an interesting spin on it. (TheRinger.com)

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GO FIGURE!

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.

	+		-		=	5
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+		×		×		
	+		+			= 21
=		=		=		
11		35		99		
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DIFFICULTY: ★★
 ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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

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|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Palace | --- S --- | Livestock | --- T --- |
| 2. Fern leaf | --- D --- | Forward facing | --- T --- |
| 3. Ooeangoing | --- E --- | Harbor | --- A --- |
| 4. Jinni | --- I --- | Rap, Jazz or Rock, e.g. | --- R --- |
| 5. Chap | --- E --- | Pursue | --- O --- |
| 6. Turn in one's notice | R --- | Draw up plans | --- D --- |
| 7. Barnyard baby | --- I --- | Confirm | --- E --- |
| 8. Capital of Portugal | --- B --- | Boxer Sonny | --- T --- |
| 9. Group of lions | P --- | Wedding day star | B --- |
| 10. Peace prize giver | --- B --- | Work of fiction | --- V --- |

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps



FEAR & KNOT
 By: rj johnson
 DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

HMO
 ♥ RASMET
 TAPRA
 ♥ EGPA
 GEPILT
 ♥ MTO
 HNTA
 STOIP
 ♥ TPI
 GHITCO
 ♥ GHITN
 ♥ EMTI

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.

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COFFEE BREAK!

BINGO BUGLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Lily variety
5 Homer's outcry
8 Wax-coated cheese
12 Bivouac
13 Individual
14 Field mouse
15 Memo acronym
16 Series of battles
17 Actor McGregor
18 Fame
20 Easter hat
22 Stitch
23 Beast of burden
24 Commanded
27 Human-like robots
32 In olden days
33 "No seats" sign
34 Pizzazz
35 Detective
38 Say it isn't so
39 Actor Beatty
40 Neither mate
42 Falling-blocks game
45 Wedding-related
49 Ms. Brockovich
50 Shock and —
52 — colada
53 Unspeakable

DOWN

1 Cicatrix
2 Facility
3 Fed
4 Go up against
5 Earthward
6 — budget
7 KFC additive
8 Nevertheless
9 Fire some folks
10 Wings
11 Common noun suffix
19 1927 Lindbergh book
21 Rowing need
24 "Humbugi"
25 Khan title
26 Period of inactivity
28 Gun lobby org.
29 Pessimistic
30 Noise
31 Agent
36 Bit of grain
37 Star Wars inits.
38 Raining somewhat
41 On the other hand
42 Office part-timer
43 Great Lake
44 1940 Laurel & Hardy film, "— at Sea"
46 Tragic
47 Unsigned (Abbr.)
48 NASCAR circuits
51 Teensy

HOCUS-FOCUS



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each oval to form four ordinary words. Then arrange the letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gap.

Glance

DANGER

Essay

SPORE

Command

CORNLOT

Case

NEARY

TODAY'S WORD

JUMBLE

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

CAKNK

DAGRU

SATUCC

MEGILN

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



CryptoQuip

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Clue: C equals B

RZRS GWPMIW CPGW CRYTGT
PJ CMFQRS YFR UPZRFRQ LS
QRSTR JMF, GWYG PSR LT GWR
WYLFRLF UYFFLRF.

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS NOW ON ASTROLOGY PAGE

BINGO LAND

NEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

Valiant Rescue Effort Grips a Nation

This is a true story. It was written by Ellen Fenn, a schoolteacher, nearly a century ago, and was carried in the *Mt. Pleasant News* as well as national and international newspapers. Ellen Fenn is the sister of Chester Mills—one of the men in the story.

A farmer Southwest of Mt. Pleasant, Lawrence Mills, and his son, Chester, had two coon dogs: Bingo, a terrier; and Black Jack, a shepherd. On a cold, clear December night they were coon hunting with Lawrence's brothers, Jesse and Jimmie on Jesse's farm. Bingo and Black Jack got hot on the trail of two raccoons. The men were following confidently, waiting for the dogs to "tree," when they realized there was only one dog baying—Black Jack. Listening intently, the men could hear the muffled yelps of Bingo coming from the depths of the earth. They soon realized that Bingo had chased one raccoon into an unknown limestone cavern, with Black Jack pursuing the other.

While searching for the entrance, the entire cave collapsed under the weight of the men. They began frantically removing dirt and stone by hand, until they came to a limestone wall. Bingo's hollow cries could be heard from within.

Black Jack returned to the collapsed spot. In staccato notes, Black Jack and Bingo yelped helplessly back and forth.

When morning arrived upon the beleaguered group, they trudged home for digging tools. By midmorning, every party on the local phone line, and those reached by the Salem switchboard operator, knew that Mills' Bingo was imprisoned. Women went to work preparing lunches. Sympathizers flocked to the scene. A coon dog was part of almost every farm household and feeling ran deep.

Hundreds were touched by the frantic rescue operation. By the second day, scores had volunteered with picks, shovels, axes,

spades, lanterns, and lots of advice—even dynamite. Workers hearing Bingo's frantic yelps labored on—one crew relieving another.

By the third day the story had spread over the state, nation and world. It was the height of the Great Depression, and people seemed to identify with a trapped and helpless coon dog.

It was determined that Bingo had fallen into a deep chamber. December's farm activities ceased in the Mt. Pleasant-Salem area. Eugene and Leo Mills, small sons of Chester, trudged over the stony hillside to check progress. They then returned home to report to their mother and grandmother, who then relayed the news to the world. Calls came unceasingly. State and local reporters plus an audience of 50-to-100 people came and went.

On the fourth day, after finding small passageways that led further and further inward from the main tunnel, the men discussed abandoning Bingo. It was agreed that it was time for the last-ditch effort—dynamite. The explosion tore away the last remaining limestone wall, but Bingo, frightened by the noise, crawled further inward.

A Christmas message from Florida, a eulogy from a senator, and a letter addressed to "Bingo Mills," with a prayer for safe deliverance—delivered by a booster-shot of hope. The weary rescue group... bundled and hooded, their faces black, continued to dig.

On the morning of the fifth day, Chester, alone in the cave, tempted Bingo with food on the end of a long pole. The weary terrier managed to crawl out of his narrow confinement to where Chester could lift him. Bingo was weak, his feet bleeding, his fur torn and his claws gone. But he was alive. Chester carried Bingo and the good news home.

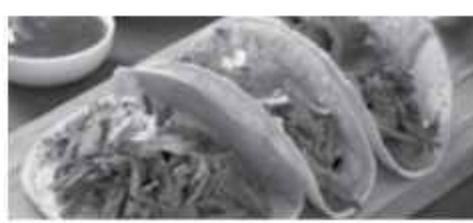
Again the wires hummed: "Bingo is home for Christmas!" As retold by The Hawk Eye of Iowa, Iowa's oldest Newspaper.



These Slow-Cooker Beef Tacos Are Too Good To Be True

It's finally time to share my family's favorite "Too Good To Be True Slow-Cooker Beef Tacos" recipe. Passed on by word of mouth from one neighbor to another, it's an easy-to-remember recipe that I've just never taken the time to write down.

Simply put: "Place pot roast sprinkled with taco seasoning in a slow cooker. Set on high and cook 5-6 hours. Spoon tender, shredded beef into warm soft taco shells and add favorite fillings." That's it! No-fail, no-fuss cooking that our busy lifestyles demand whenever we want to gather friends together for a robust and tasty evening meal. Here are the details:



SLOW-COOKER BEEF TACOS Serves 6

2-1/2- to 3-pound boneless beef chuck pot roast, trimmed of fat
1-ounce package taco seasoning mix, such as the Old El Paso brand
1 medium onion, peeled and sliced (optional)
12 flour tortillas

Toppings according to taste: cilantro, chopped tomatoes, chili peppers and onions, shredded cheddar cheese, sour cream, guacamole, salsa, and a squeeze of lime juice

Sprinkle both sides of the meat with seasoning mix. Reduce the amount according to taste. Place meat in slow cooker. If using onion, spread slices evenly over the meat. (No need to add water.)

Cover, set on high, and cook for 5-6 hours, or until meat is tender and easily falls apart. Remove from slow cooker with a large slotted spoon.

Using two forks, shred the beef into a large bowl. Add onion and remaining warm juices from the slow cooker. Toss lightly to keep moist. To serve, spoon meat into warm taco shells. Add favorite toppings.

Extra Idea: For a spicy pot-roast dinner, after 3.5 hours in the slow cooker, add 6 peeled and quartered potatoes and 6 medium carrots, halved crosswise and lengthwise, on top of the meat. Add pepper and 1/4 teaspoon of salt. When meat and vegetables are tender about 2 hours later, remove meat and vegetables with a slotted spoon and place on a serving platter. Spoon drippings over meat and serve with a fresh green salad.

Donna Erickson creates relationships and community through food and fun. Find more to nourish and delight you at www.donnaerickson.com.

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FEAR & KNIGHT
answer

A P A R T
I H
S T R E A M O
N I G H T
T O M
P I G L E T
A H
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E C

Go Figure!
answers

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+		x		x		
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KOVELS
Antiques & Collecting
By Terry and Kim Kovel

Q: My sister has a handwritten letter and handwritten envelope dated Dec. 10, 1997, from Harper Lee. Is this worth contacting an auction house?

A: We think so. Harper Lee was the author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1961 and is still considered one of the greatest American novels of the 20th century. Her signature sells well at auctions. Several examples have sold for high prices this year. An autographed bookplate sold for \$130. A typed excerpt from *To Kill a Mockingbird* with Lee's signature sold for \$530, and a first edition of the novel accompanied by a handwritten letter from the author sold for an impressive \$14,400. Look for auction houses that specialize in autographs, books or Americana. Get references before you sell anything. If you prefer to sell locally, you can look for antiquarian book dealers as well as antique dealers. Some coin and stamp dealers also buy and sell autographs. The dealer usually sets the price. If you decide to send the letter and envelope to an out-of-town dealer or auction house, send it with tracking. You may want to get it insured as well.

TIP: Hands can damage paper collectibles by leaving fingerprints and traces of oil or salt. All will cause stains eventually. Store paper in protective plastic holders made of inert material.

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The Garden Bug

If these fungal growths are found in mulch or dirt, they are likely not of much concern and can be removed easily; but make sure that as you do so you remove all the soil or mulch around them, and then sanitize any tools, gloves or shoes that come in contact.

Dead man's fingers If they are found at the base of trees such as apple or crabapple trees, the growth may be infecting the tree, causing black root rot. Any tree thus infected should be carefully removed, including the stump, the surrounding soil and as much of the root system as possible. — Brenda Weaver
Source: hort.extension.wisc.edu

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: C equals B

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PJ CMFQRS YFR UPZRFRQ LS
QRSTR JMF, GWYG PSR LT GWR
WYLFRLF UYFFLRF.

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SNOWFLAKES
solution

DEAR AUNT BINGO

by Bonnie Mitchell

Unique Bingo Calls

Dear Aunt Bingo,

I finally thought of a question that I hope you can answer for me. Every now and then, when they call out N-40, you sometimes hear people say "Four-Tee." Why is that? When I asked the person who does this, they didn't know the answer either. Also, I've heard that I-26 is the most hated number at Bingo. Have you ever heard that? If so, why? *Dottie L., Nashua, NH*

Dear Dottie,

Bingo is not just a game of numbers, it's a communal experience, and halls often have their own unique call-out phrases and lucky/unlucky numbers. While the aim of the game is to win, these phrases and special numbers help to build a bond among players, turning strangers into friends over shared references. Beyond entertainment and camaraderie, there's a functional aspect to some call-out phrases. By using unique phrases, players don't misinterpret the announced number, reducing the likelihood of errors.

One guess is that calling out FOUR-TEE became a tradition in your hall simply to help distinguish it from the number four. There is a very remote possibility that it relates to 40 being a significant number in Biblical scripture, but this wouldn't explain breaking the word into two distinct syllables.

Which leads me to my best guess which is that players are actually saying "Four TEA" because of your state's not insignificant historical ties to the import of tea in the colonial era. For example, after Boston's famous tea event, New Hampshire's residents were among those who sent foodstuff to aid "beleaguered Boston"; and colonial New Hampshire women met at local homes and organized what became a campaign to ban English tea in their households. I learned these history tidbits from a charming online blog called Cow Hampshire, "New Hampshire's History Blog."

As for your hall's hatred of number I-26, there is no mention of this number being considered unlucky among the larger Bingo community. The most commonly cited unlucky Bingo number is, not surprisingly, 13. However, after doing some sleuthing on the internet, I did find a substantial dislike being expressed for your state's section of Interstate 26, or...I-26. There were several lively online conversations about driving on I-26 in New Hampshire—99% of which contained comments rich in (unprintable) curse words. To be honest, I could find only one comment about I-26 on these threads that I could print, and it was: "Why do I even bother to drive on I-26." As they say online, LOL.

I hereby declare these two particular Bingo mysteries solved, but of course, please keep asking around, and if you find other explanations, let me know ASAP! —*Aunt Bingo*

Write to Aunt Bingo, Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, tara@bingobugle.com.

Lucky Lotto News

Crane Operator Wins Big

A Virginia crane operator has picked up a big chunk of change thanks to a lucky lottery ticket he purchased at a gas station. Nicholas Foxx, of Roanoke, Virginia was recently "visiting family in Altavista when he stopped to buy an energy drink and some Virginia Lottery scratcher tickets" at A1 Mini Mart. Upon scratching his "20X the Money" ticket, the crane operator learned he had purchased a \$1 million winner. "I thought I was reading it wrong!" Foxx said. "You don't know anyone who's hit the Lottery for that amount of money!" Foxx opted to receive a one-time cash option of \$625,000 before taxes, rather than receive the full \$1 million prize over the next 30 years, according to lottery officials. The A1 Mini Mart that sold the ticket has received a \$10,000 bonus from the Virginia Lottery.

Coffee Plus a Cool Million

Maria Acevedo Valdez was just stopping at an Andover gas station for a cup of coffee to start her day when, fatefully, she decided to throw in a lottery ticket while checking out, per a press release from the Massachusetts State Lottery. Valdez, a resident of Lawrence, Massachusetts, decided to spend \$20 to participate in the Massachusetts State Lottery's "\$10,000,000 Premier Cash" instant ticket game at the Mobil station. Her investment earned her a \$1 million prize. The Lawrence resident said she feels "thankful and blessed," and plans to use the prize to help her family.

Club Wins In Kentucky

A group of coworkers at Med Center Health Environmental Services won and split a \$50,000 lottery prize after their boss gifted them scratch-off tickets, local NBC affiliate Lex 18 reported. According to the outlet, the employees' supervisor, Sheila Colter, told lottery officials that she gifted her team with \$30 worth of tickets, resulting in a \$50 prize, which they then used to buy a Millionaire Club scratch-off ticket, and doubled their winnings. After deciding to try their luck one more time, the group purchased two more tickets with the \$100 — and ended up winning \$50,000. "We kept playing as a group. There are 21 of us. I would stop on the way to work, and we kept winning," Colter said, per local CBS affiliate WKY. "We were all so excited. I was on the floor." The group ended up with \$35,750 after taxes, and each employee will reportedly receive \$1,750, Lex 18 reported.

Not So Lucky

Recently, an unclaimed Florida lottery ticket worth \$44 million expired after the 180-day window the winner had to claim the prize passed. Thankfully, however, the unclaimed prize money is going to a good cause. Since the winner did not come forward, 80% of the prize funds will go to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, while the remainder will return to the state's prize pool "from which future prizes will be awarded or used for special prize promotions," Florida lottery officials told *People* magazine in a statement.

Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

TARZAN DAD JOKES



Gaming News

Unreported Winnings

According to a story on Covers.com, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) examined 48 million tax returns submitted in 2018, 2019, and 2020 after sports betting was legalized and started to expand around the country. The TIGTA found that upwards of 150,000 taxpayers failed to claim sports betting winnings of more than \$15,000. In addition, hundreds of tax forms submitted by sports books lacked taxpayer ID numbers. TIGTA estimated that taxpayers won \$13 billion over the three years and amounted to a shortfall of \$1.4 billion in unpaid taxes.

iGaming Big and Getting Bigger

Online-casino gambling is legal in seven states: New Jersey, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, West Virginia, Delaware, and Rhode Island. The big three account for roughly 85% of the total month after month. In all three states, iGaming is responsible for a significant portion of the total gross gaming revenue (GGR), which includes brick-and-mortar casinos, sports betting, and racetracks with casinos and sports betting. In September, it reached its highest percentages: In New Jersey, internet-casino gambling was \$208.1 million, 37% of the states GGR; Michigan generated \$202.5 million, a full 55% of GGR; and Pennsylvania's \$176.7 million amounted to 35%. The percentages have been going up steadily for a number of years and show no sign of slowing; the great expansion of casino gambling across the country since the 1990s is moving steadily into the gamblers' offices, living rooms, bedrooms, and bathrooms.

Wynn Property Sets Sales Record

A compound owned by Steve Wynn (years ago) on Lake Tahoe just fetched \$62 million, setting a record for the highest-priced property ever sold at the lake. The five-acre estate, known as Old Forge, is located on Lakeshore Blvd. in Incline Village, the scenic road along the north lake that's come to be called Billionaire Row. Wynn built the 12,661-square-foot main house in 1994, on 212 feet of lake frontage, with a deep-water pier, a boat hoist, and a jet ski platform, plus a three-bedroom guesthouse. He sold it in 1998 for \$17 million. Biotech billionaires bought it in 2017 for \$32 million, spent \$5 million in renovations, and listed the property for \$76 million in September 2023. The price dropped to \$69 million last May and went into escrow for \$62 million a month ago.

California & Texas: Predictions

At this year's Global Gaming Expo, the expansion of gambling in the U.S.' two most populous states was a major topic of conversation. In terms of the second-most populous state, Texas has a big enough budget surplus, according to panelists Lone Star lawmakers aren't as concerned about raising revenue as elsewhere. Panelists also agreed that all the progress made in the 2021 and 2023 sessions built enough momentum that gambling has a "fighting chance" to succeed in 2025. California, on the other hand, is still recovering from the bruising and ultimately losing battle over sports betting in the 2022 election cycle. The consensus, at least among the tribes, is that after skipping the 2024 cycle, sports betting will come up again, either in 2026 or 2028. The stakes are enormous; based on a comparison with New York, which has half the population of California and hit \$20 billion in handle in 2023. California could easily generate \$40 billion in its first year. By comparison, that's more than four times as much as Las Vegas Strip revenue in 2023. —*From www.lasvegasadvisor.com*



Mr. Lowe and Mr. Snowden

Getting old sucks. I used to wake up feeling like a million bucks, but now it's more like a bounced check. —*Ms. Know-It-All*

Cheers to bingo's December birthday! What would we do for fun if Edwin Lowe had not stumbled across Beano in 1929? Since then, Beano, renamed Bingo, has materialized into one of the most popular games in the world, prompting Roger Snowden in 1979 to launch *Bingo Bugle*. To promote charitable bingo and Native American bingo, he grew his small magazine into one of the largest bingo/gaming publications in the world. Mail subscriptions are available but 95% of *Bugles* in bingo halls are free. What a deal, so thank you Mr. Snowden and Mr. Lowe for the part you played in producing generations of bingo fanatics.

Here are some other bingo tidbits. First, bingo is played in over sixty countries worldwide. Second, the average bingo player in the US spends about \$500/year on bingo games resulting in the bingo industry contributing over three billion annually to the US economy. Third, there are over 500 septillion combinations of numbers that can appear on bingo cards with a septillion being a 1 with 24 zeroes after it. One lucky

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Laurie K. (right) was all smiles winning \$10,000 at Gold Coast Casino Bingo! Laurie was joined by her Father Lawrence M. and Husband, Rich K.



Andy P. "Enrique" and best friend Taylor D. had some laughs and won Saturday night at one of Green Valley Ranch's Big Bingo Event!



Lucky winner hitting the 9 pm cashball. Lots of money to be won at the South Point bingo!



Bingo Friends Unite! Best friends, Miki M., Brenda M., Connie A., and Cecelia C. All planned a Girls Vegas Get Together and Miki M. won \$1250 at Palace Station!

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Spread the Warmth: Homemade Pumpkin Butter

As the air turns crisp and the leaves fall, nothing ushers in coziness like the rich, spiced aroma of pumpkin. Slather it on toast, swirl it into oatmeal or pair it with your favorite baked goods — it's the perfect companion to chilly mornings and sweater weather.

This recipe makes three cups of pumpkin butter, but if that feels like too much of a good thing, it can easily be halved. And remember, it makes a wonderful foodie gift as the holidays draw near!

HOMEMADE PUMPKIN BUTTER

Yield: 3 cups
Total Time: 30 minutes

- 1 (29 ounce) can pumpkin puree, NOT pumpkin pie filling
- 1/2 cup apple juice or apple cider
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/4 cup honey or pure maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon table salt
- 1 tablespoon butter

Stovetop Instructions:

In a large, heavy bottom saucepan, on medium-high heat, combine all ingredients except the butter. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to low and simmer 20-25 minutes, stirring frequently. The pumpkin butter will become smoother and thicker as it is heated and stirred.

For an even thicker consistency, continue heating and stirring over low heat for an additional 10-15 minutes.

When the pumpkin butter reaches the desired thickness, remove from heat. Taste and adjust seasonings as needed, adding more sugar or pumpkin pie spice or salt to balance the flavors to your taste. When you're satisfied, add the butter and stir as it melts into a beautifully glossy finish. Let cool completely.

Slow Cooker Instructions:

In the crock of your slow cooker, combine all ingredients except the butter. Cover and cook on high for 3-4 hours. During the last 45 minutes of cooking, remove the lid to allow the pumpkin butter to thicken. Turn off the heat and add the butter. Taste, adjusting seasonings as desired. The pumpkin butter will thicken as it cools. Let cool completely.

To Store:

Store in glass jars refrigerated for up to two weeks or freeze in freezer for up to three months.

Pumpkin butter pairs wonderfully with a variety of flavors! Here are some ideas:

- Warm Toast or Biscuits: Spread pumpkin butter on warm toast, biscuits or English muffins for a cozy breakfast or snack.
- Pancakes or Waffles: Use it as a topping for pancakes or waffles, adding a dollop of whipped cream for an extra treat.



Too Loud and Clear

Dear Guy,

Last night I got into an argument with the boss of one of the Bingos I go to about the sound system. They have the volume cranked up way too loud so that you can actually feel the sound bounce off of you when they call the numbers. He says it is loud because some of the older players were having trouble hearing, and that he'd rather have some people complain that it was too loud than have people stop coming to Bingo because they couldn't hear the caller. I asked him, how would he feel if those of us who thought it was too loud stopped coming? And he said that I was the first to ever complain and that if it just meant losing me, he could live with that. So, I called him a jerk and walked away. —N.T., Peekskill, New York

Dear T.T.,

Your story sounds a bit like an Abbott & Costello routine—except, of course, that you were quite serious about your situation. Luckily for you, as you say in your letter, this is just one of the halls you attend, leaving you with other Bingo options.

In the manager's defense, he did explain the reason for the high volume—that some of the older players had expressed difficulty hearing the caller and had requested it. The fact that you were the only person to say it was too loud does put you in the minority, and the manager will obviously honor the request of the larger group that asked for it to be louder.

What he should have done, though, was listen to your concerns, give them due consideration, and see if perhaps a compromise was in order—say, turning the volume down slightly to see if that would work for everyone.

Might I suggest that next time you try to be a bit more diplomatic, leaving out the part about him being a jerk, and perhaps you'll meet with some success? —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 Guy directly at admin@bingobugle.com.



Playing bingo is the best way to celebrate your birthday! Willie W. from Wisconsin (Center) Celebrated her 70th Birthday with her family (left) daughter Terri H., (above) Son in Law Joe H. and (right) daughter Toni K. Happy belated birthday Willie!

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Keeping Our Balance

How long can you stand on one leg? This balance ability is apparently a good indicator of how we're aging ... or so say several researchers.

Some researchers pay attention to this standing business because they think it indicates longevity. Others think a lack of that ability can point to a cognitive decline.

If you want to check your balance, stand up and keep your eyes open, don't hold onto anything, and stand on one leg without any support, lifting one leg off the ground and bent at the knee. If you're between 50 and 59, that standing time should be 37 seconds. From 60-69, aim for 30 seconds. Between 70 and 79, shoot for 19 seconds, and over 80, aim for a bit over 5 seconds.

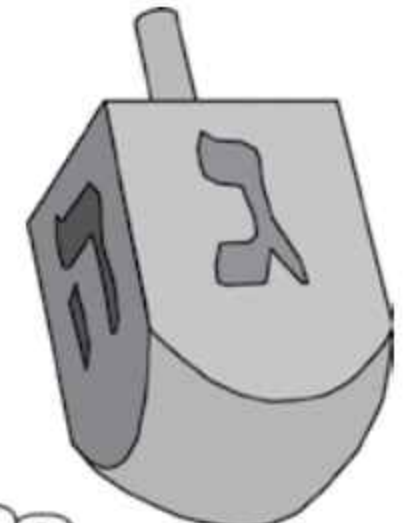
Another source says in your 50s, aim for 40 seconds. In 60s, try for 20 seconds. In your 70s, the goal would be around 10 seconds.

If you struggle with standing for those lengths of time, there are ways to improve your balance. You can practice standing but use something for support until you get the hang of it. You'll strengthen the muscles of your legs that way. Or try dancing and walking up stairs.

Take a look at the Mayo Clinic website for suggestions on how to improve your balance in general. At mayoclinic.org, do a search for "balance exercises," where you'll find dozens of articles. Pay attention to the ones that talk about strengthening your core muscles — your lower back, hips, stomach and pelvis. With a stronger core, you'll have better overall balance. The good news about core exercises is that you can do them at home and don't need to go to the gym.

For added ideas, check out YouTube videos (youtube.com) for senior exercises. With winter about to arrive, exercises we can do at home will help keep us in shape.

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celebrity extra

by cindy elavsky

Q: Have they said who will replace Hoda Kotb on the *Today* show after she leaves? —A.Y.

A: When Hoda Kotb announced at the end of September that she would be leaving the job she's held for 17 years with *Today*, it came as a shock to her fans, but probably not her co-anchors Savannah Guthrie and Jenna Bush Hager. Now the mother of two young girls, Kotb recently purchased a home away from Manhattan in the hopes of spending more time with her daughters while they're still in elementary school.

According to *Us Weekly*, an NBC insider hints that the top contender to replace Kotb is weekend *Today* anchor Laura Jarrett. Other possibilities include Craig Melvin or Carson Daly. Since Kotb isn't departing until early 2025 and will remain part of the NBC network in some capacity, there's still several months to determine who will fill her chair.

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803; or e-mail her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

There are 10 names of U.S. presidents hidden in the figure below — vertically, horizontally and diagonally. Can you find them?

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RACK 3: A1 E1 S1 L1 S1 T1 X8

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Pup Trains at Bingo

Our friends, Janet and John agreed to go to Bingo with us, and they brought along with them a puppy they are training for Guide Dogs for the Blind. They said they had permission to bring him to Bingo as part of his training.

Janet and John are an interesting couple. They had just returned from a trip to Europe where they toured on a riverboat. "It was a marvelous experience," said Janet. "The best so far." Turns out they had taken three cruises prior to this one!

"Where did you like best?" asked Kate. "Prague," was John's instant reply. "It is the most marvelous city for exploration."

"And for shopping," added Janet. "I found some wonderful bells to add to my collection and I could have bought more but John wouldn't let me." She poked him playfully.

"But touring on a riverboat is such fun," continued John. "You are with the same group of people and you get to know and like them so when you stop for lunch you

are with friends. They get to be like family."

We were setting up to play Bingo when the puppy began fussing and wanting attention.

"I think I had better take him outside for a few minutes to have a bathroom break," said Janet. "Can you manage my cards, John?"

"We'll help," I volunteered, and Janet walked the puppy out the back.

The games started and Janet hadn't returned.

"Well where could she have gotten to?" wondered John and he got up and took a quick peek out the backdoor. "I can't see her."

It was some time before Janet reappeared looking a bit frazzled. "That pup just wouldn't go potty! He didn't like any of the spots, so we just kept walking. Then when he finally did his business he didn't want to go back to bingo, and I didn't want to carry him. So, I just pulled out the squeaky toy I had in my pocket and lured him here squeaking it the whole way! I thought for sure you'd hear me squeaking that thing."

Then Janet was on for number 56 and she could think of nothing but Bingo. The puppy wasn't keen on not being the center of attention and began a round of adorable whimpers.

"Oh, I just have to win," said Janet, keying up the puppy a bit more with her nervousness.

Her number actually did, at long last, come up and she was so excited she started jumping up and down. Of course the pup just had to join in on the celebration by barking and turning circles, tangling himself in his leash.

"Janet, you might want to calm it down a bit," said John, picking up the cute little devil with a big "Shush!"

She was ecstatic. We were ecstatic. The puppy was also ecstatic. John not so much as he had to wrangle the wriggling fur ball without dropping him on the floor. And it was a wrap on Doggy Bingo. Honestly? We loved it.



QUESTIONS

- Who had a hit with "Spanish Harlem"?
- Name the band that released "Black Night."
- Who wrote and released "How Deep Is Your Love"?
- Which group released "I Count the Tears"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "My love must be a kind of blind love, I can't see anyone but you."

ANSWERS

- Ben E. King, in 1960. The song was King's first solo hit after he left The Drifters. It was used as a B-side to "First Taste of Love," but climbed to the Top Ten chart and has made it to the list of "500 Greatest Songs of All Time."
- Deep Purple, in 1970.
- The Bee Gees, in 1977. It was included in the film "Saturday Night Fever" starring John Travolta, one of three Bee Gees songs used.
- The Drifters, in 1960. The song went to No. 6 on the R&B chart and was released on the group's *Save the Last Dance for Me* album.
- "I Only Have Eyes For You," most notably by The Flamingos in 1959. The song was written in 1934 for the film *Dames*, and has been released by numerous artists over the years, including Art Garfunkel and The Lettermen.



* There are many uses for empty Tic Tac containers. Here are three: Wrap with pretty paper and use as a tiny vase for a single-stem flower. Or, separate small scrapbooking supplies in them. Last, thread two needles with a length of thread — one white and one black. Poke the needles through a small square of paper and wrap the thread around the paper. Slip into the container for a travel sewing kit.

* "Need your nails to dry in a hurry? You can use the cool setting on your hair dryer. It works really fast." — *L.E. in Georgia*

* To get a couple more days out of your cat litter, clean the box out and mix in a cup of baking soda.

* Remove mildew from plastic shower curtains by spraying them with a mix of bleach and water, or just toss them in the washing machine with your next load of towels.

* "We have a playroom, and the kids argue about who made what mess and who should clean up which toys. We made a cleaning schedule for the room, having one or two children per day responsible to clean up at the end of the day. It was a rough start, but the kids have learned to clean up as they go rather than leave a big mess for someone else. (Pay back is not kind.)" — *A Mom, via email*

* If your vacuum has a paper filter, spray it with your fave perfume or essential oil. It will blow into the air as you vacuum, leaving behind a pleasant scent.

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Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Get Smart, Organize Now

Dear Savvy Senior,
I would like to get my personal, legal and financial information organized so my kids will know what's going on when I'm no longer around. Can you offer any ideas on the best way to do this?
—*Procrastinating Paul*

Dear Paul,
Organizing your important papers and getting your personal and financial affairs in order is a smart idea and wonderful gift to your loved ones. Here are some tips to get you started.

GET ORGANIZED
The first step in getting your affairs in order is to gather up all your important personal, financial and legal information so you can arrange it in a format that will benefit you now, and your loved ones later. Then you'll need to sit down and create various lists of important information and instructions of how you want certain things handled when you die or if you become incapacitated.

PERSONAL INFORMATION
—Contacts: Make a master list of names and phone numbers of close friends, doctors, and professional advisers such as your lawyer, accountant, broker and insurance agent.
—Medical information: Include a list of medications you take, along with any allergies and illnesses.

—Personal documents: Include such items as your birth certificate, Social Security card, marriage license, military discharge papers, etc.
—Secured places: List all the places you keep under lock and key such as safe deposit boxes, safe combination, security alarms, etc.
—Digital assets: Make a list of all your digital assets, including everything from social media accounts to online banking accounts to home utilities that you manage online. It should include usernames and passwords. Use Rutgers Digital Assets Inventory Worksheet (rutgers.edu/money/pdfs/digital-assets-worksheets.pdf) as a guide.
—Pets: If you have a pet, give instructions for the care of the animal.
—End of life: Indicate your wishes for organ and tissue donation and write out your funeral instructions. If you've made pre-arrangements with a funeral home include a copy of agreement, their contact information and whether you've prepaid or not.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS
—Will, trust and estate plan: Include the original copy of your will and other estate planning documents you've made.
—Financial power of attorney: This document names someone you trust to handle money matters if you're incapacitated.
—Advance health care directives: This includes a living will and medical power of attorney, which spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment when you can no longer make decisions for yourself.

FINANCIAL RECORDS
—Financial accounts: Make a list of all your bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, and any other financial assets you have.

Veterans Post



Pandemic Fraud

The Covid pandemic has been a pot of gold for scammers who want to exploit the critical needs of hospitals and doctors. However, the criminals aren't too bright.

There was the medical supply company that conspired to sell masks that were misbranded, trying to pass them off to hospitals as genuine National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)-approved N95 masks. The thieves gathered up their fake masks from miscellaneous sources and shipped them off at inflated prices. When NIOSH tested the masks, the scam was discovered because the masks couldn't pass the filtration tests.

A whole alphabet of federal agencies, including the VA's Office of Inspector General, came together in this effort to investigate and prosecute the thieves. Between the price gouging, the fake masks and the interstate commerce, the authorities had a good case for pandemic-related defrauding and conspiracy.

When the case goes to court, selling misbranded medical equipment alone could net the thieves a fine of a half a million dollars. Adding in the interstate commerce and price gouging could tack on additional fines and years in prison.

Then there was the guy who tried to sell millions of dollars of personal protective equipment to the VA. The scam was pretending the company was an authorized distributor of the PPE. They even generated a fake website and email address. The goods that were sent out were non-conforming and the masks were counterfeit.

In one scam, however, it almost wasn't worth the thief's time: A woman was given two paycheck protection loans for two businesses she owned — except she didn't own a business. All she got out of the scam was \$41,000.

When are they going to learn? The thieves eventually get caught, and we have the VA OIG and other alphabet agencies to thank for it.

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Stopping Spam

The next time your phone rings, there's a good chance it will be a spam call. According to recent research Americans average 2.7 billion such calls a month.

The majority of these calls are related to credit card fraud, identity theft, medicare/insurance, social security, car warranty and debt collection. Many people are not able to accurately recognize unwanted communication, allowing spammers or scammers to trap their victims.

How many you get may depend on where you are. The top 10 states for unwanted calls are: Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee, Wyoming, Ohio.

The places getting the least number of spam calls are: Puerto Rico, Alaska, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Vermont.

Fortunately, wherever you are, there are ways to avoid them.

What You Can Do

Tips to help you handle such scams:
1. **Hang up.** When you get a robocall, don't press any numbers to let you speak to a live operator or remove you from their call list. It might lead to more robocalls.

2. **Consider call blocking or a call labeling app such as Truecaller.** Since 2009, Truecaller, a leader in caller ID and spam blocking software, has been a global combatant against spam and fraud, tirelessly working to safeguard communication for all.

The app can: auto-block spam and SMS calls, identify callers, Search unlimited phone numbers, record phone calls.

3. **Don't trust your caller ID:** Scammers can make any name or number show up on your caller ID. That's called spoofing. Even if it looks like it's a government agency, or like the call is from a local number, it could be a scammer from anywhere in the world.

Learn More

For further facts and stats from the experts at Truecaller and to find out how to get the app and have it work for you, visit www.truecaller.com.

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BROOM-HILDA

By Russell Myers



Nevada Happenings

Food Hall Coming to Venetian

Eater Las Vegas reports that the Venetian will open a food hall in "mid-2025." The Via Food Hall will be located "in the former quick-service dining section near the Grand Colonnade area of the resort's casino floor." Tenants so far include Las Vegas' second location of All'Antico Vinaio, the specialty sandwich shop from Florence, Italy, whose first shop is across from Durango. Other outlets will be Turkey and the Wolf, a New Orleans-based sandwich shop (ham and cranberry sauce, fried bologna, collared-green melt, headcheese taco) and Molly's Rise and Shine quick breakfasts, both from James Beard Award-nominated chef Mason Hereford; Howlin' Ray's, hot chicken from L.A.; Scarr's Pizza from New York; B.S. Taqueria, lately of the shuttered Sundry Food Hall out at the Uncommons; Ivan Ramen and izakaya; and a bar, Close Company.

Eagles Extend Again

Apparently, the world can't get enough Eagles concerts. For the fifth time since the original announcement of the superstar band's residency at Sphere, dates have been added. The new shows will be on March 7, 8, 14, and 15. Tickets are now only available only on reseller sites like StubHub and Vivid. The reviews of the shows are uniformly excellent.

Another Zippy's

On its first anniversary in Las Vegas, Zippy's announced that its second restaurant will open at 4590 S. Hualapai Way, just south of Summerlin and north of Tropicana Avenue, early next year.

Ellis Island Expansion Detailed

Originally announced in April, the expansion at Ellis Island is starting to take shape. The budget was reported in the *Review Journal* at \$35 million, with which the casino will be enlarged by 6,500 square feet that will stretch, like Front Yard, out to the sidewalk, with a center bar, sports book, and back-of-the-house audiovisual area, and a new south service entrance. Much of the expansion will take the place of the shuttered micro-brewery that was demolished earlier this year. New details include the renovation of the Village Pub & Café and the karaoke lounge and a new rooftop event space. The project was initially expected to be completed early next year, but it looks like the timetable will be extended.

Palazzo Villas Return

The Rio opened its Palazzo Villas in 1998 amidst a lot of high-end action in Las Vegas (Bellagio debuted that year, with the Venetian, Paris, and Mandalay Bay putting on their finishing touches to open in 1999). The nine-unit complex, the first high-roller suites to be separate from the hotel, cost \$55 million, a princely sum at the time. The suites range from 2,000-square-foot one-bedrooms to a 14,000-square-foot six-bedroom super suite (reportedly, all nine palazzos can be combined to create one 18-bedroom mansion). Ironically, the Palazzo Villas were built by Marnell, the original developer of the Rio, and opened mere months after Harrah's (now Caesars) Entertainment bought the Rio for \$880 million, then quickly divested the place of its whale business. Caesars finally shut down the Villas in 2019, but now new-owner Dreamscape has reopened them. The one-bedrooms start at \$3,500, the three-bedrooms \$5,000, and the six bedroom \$6,000.

—Reporting by www.lasvegasadvisor.com

The Garden Bug Autumn garden tasks

- Gather seeds from your spent plantings; collect all dead and dying foliage.
- Compost any plant waste that is not diseased. If burning is permitted in your community, this will be an effective way to dispose of diseased plants.
- The autumn leaf fall can suffocate a lawn (especially any newly-established ones) if not often raked up.
- Planting cover crops, or spreading mulch over bare soil, can help prevent soil erosion over the winter. —*Brenda Weaver*

Sources: www.thespruce.com, wayne.ces.ncsu.edu

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Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- Hockey great Gretzky
- Spam folder item
- Moving day needs
- Funny Fanny
- Words of approval

Down

- Award touted as "the Internet's highest honor"
- "That's ____" (song from "Moonstruck")
- Vertical line on a graph

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

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- Blue Ivy, to Solange
- Faith Hill's "Someone ____ Dream"



Arizona Charlie's Boulder and Decatur Awarded Over \$2.4 Million in Jackpot Winnings to Lucky Players in October

LAS VEGAS – Nov. 11, 2024 – October brought plenty of treats for players at Golden Entertainment's Arizona Charlie's Boulder, located at 4575 Boulder Hwy., and Arizona Charlie's Decatur, located at 740 S. Decatur Blvd, with a combined total of \$2,433,198 awarded in jackpot winnings throughout the month. Lucky locals won \$2,142,099.67 from slot jackpots, with an additional \$291,099 awarded from bingo, making it a thrilling month for both casinos.



Wanda W. loves to play bingo at Palace Station



(L-R) Friends, Jean W. Kelly W. and Cindy C. were all smiles for friend Kelly's win at bingo at Boulder Station Saturday night.



You can make Bingo friends anywhere! Long time bingo friends Cindy S. and Jodi I. of California met up with new bingo friends Max A. of Canada and Phil M. of Washington State in Vegas for The Plaza's Super Bingo.



Harry B. of Flagstaff, AZ was delighted to win \$10,000 at a Gold Coast Bingo Game! Way to go, Harry!



Green Valley Ranch Manager, Mary joined her two favorite bingo players Husband and Wife Rick P. and Phyllis P. who were visiting for a Vegas Vacation from Lakeland, FL.

Americanisms

"The universe is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper."
— Edna Phillips
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PICKS OF THE MONTH

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) — Thirty-six years after Michael Keaton first stunned audiences with his performance as the titular green-haired jokester in the classic film *Beetlejuice*, Keaton dons his striped wardrobe once again for a sequel you don't want to miss! Winona Ryder and Catherine O'Hara reprise their respective roles as Lydia and Delia Deetz, but this time, the original cast is joined by scream queen Jenna Ortega (*Wednesday*), Monica Bellucci (*Spectre*), and Willem Dafoe (*Kinds of Kindness*). With improved visual effects and compelling storylines, this sequel is just as entertaining as, if not more than, the original! Out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

House of Spoils (R) — Academy-Award-winning actress Ariana DeBose (*West Side Story*) leads this supernatural film produced by horror powerhouse Blumhouse Productions. DeBose's character is solely known as Chef, a culinary connoisseur who



CryptoQuip answer

Even though both beasts of burden are covered in dense fur, that one is the hairier carrier.

opens a fine-dining restaurant in an isolated estate in the middle of nowhere. Easier said than done, Chef realizes, as she learns how to deal with the challenging aspects of owning her own eatery, like finding reliable staff, working to impress her investor, managing her anxiety, and fighting an evil spirit that seems to be lurking in every corner of the state. Will Chef let her dreams spoil right in front of her? See for yourself! (Amazon Prime Video)

The Menendez Brothers (R) — Lyle and Erik Menendez have garnered a lot of traction due to Ryan Murphy's dramatized series *Monsters* that covered the brothers' story. Now Netflix is letting them tell their story through a documentary film, more than 30 years after the murders of their parents first took place. In the doc, which is out now, Lyle and Erik call in from prison to explain their sides of what occurred that August night in 1989 and why their claims of abuse weren't taken seriously by the jury during both trials. Family members, lawyers, jurors and reporters who were involved with the case weigh in with their points of view, while lead prosecutor Pamela Bozanich still maintains that the brothers are lying about the abuse and deserve to be incarcerated. (Netflix)

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

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DECEMBER BINGO PROMOTIONS

December 1st -25th

25 Days of Giving – Swipe at the kiosk once daily after Bingo Buy in receive \$25 Free Bingo Play (\$50 minimum buy in)

Double/Triple pay sessions

- Monday- Saturday at 1pm & Sunday - Thursday at 7pm
- 1st chance coverall \$1,000, 2nd & 3rd chance \$250

\$10,000 Must Go Dual Action – Saturday, December 7th – Guaranteed to pay out by 11pm

December 25th

\$2,500 Holiday R-Ball at 1pm and 7pm / Daubers at all sessions (minimum buy in required)

Bonus "R" balls – Three times a week – every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

- At the 11am, 3pm, & 9pm sessions
- Bingo on B-12 or any number ending in 2 and receive an \$500
- In addition to the regular pay-out / validation required

Mondays – half price Bingo when paying with points

- Points issued at Rampart Rewards center and redeemed in Bingo Room

New Year's Eve December 31st

- All sessions include - 4X \$1000 Coveralls, 10 Drawing winners for \$50 Free Bingo Play plus a free Bingo swag bag
- "Goodbye" to 2024 Bonus Ball Bingo on I-24 and receive \$1,000 or any number ending in 4 - \$500 (validation required)
- *Special 11pm* with \$2025 First chance coverall Plus Party Favors and Champagne toast at midnight.

NFL Fan Special – wear NFL apparel on Sunday, Monday or Thursday and receive two free small rainbows

- All Sessions, \$50 minimum buy in

Free Small Rainbows Wednesdays

- Three (3) free Small Rainbow Packs with \$50 minimum buy in validation required

New Year's Day

All sessions include - 3X \$1000 coveralls / "Hello" to 2025 Bonus Ball Bingo on I-25 for \$1000 any number ending in "5" VS250 (validation required)

VFridays & Saturdays at 7pm & 9pm

- 4x \$1,000 coveralls

Sundays at 11am & 1pm

- 4x \$1,000 coveralls



by Annie E. Ennis

Sweet Potato Soup

Dear Annie,

How about a recipe for a sweet potato soup—that would make me very happy if you have this recipe. Thanks a lot.
Pat P., from Michigan

Dear Pat,

I do indeed! Here's my favorite Sweet Potato Soup recipe. Enjoy. —Annie

CREAM OF SWEET POTATO SOUP

- 4 sweet potatoes (1 lb. each)
- 8 cups chicken stock



- 1/3 cups butter
- 1/4 cup half and half
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 cup cashews (split in half)

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Bake the sweet potatoes for 45 minutes or until they are soft. Cool the potatoes until they can be handled. Peel away the skin, then put the potatoes into a large bowl. Mash the potatoes. Spoon them into a large saucepan over a medium to high heat, add the remaining ingredients and stir to combine. When the soup begins to boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 50 to 60 minutes. Add the cashews as garnish. Serve hot. Makes 6 servings.



Felecia S. and Constance W. of Georgia took a Vegas Vacation to Palace Station and won \$500!

top ten

World's Most Expensive Science Experiments

- The International Space Station: \$150 billion
- Cancer research: \$90 billion
- Global Positioning System: \$12 billion
- James Webb Space Telescope: \$9.66 billion
- Copernicus Program: \$7.4 billion
- Human Genome Project: \$5 billion
- Large Hadron Collider: \$4.75 billion
- National Ignition Facility: \$3.5 billion
- Curiosity Rover: \$2.5 billion
- Mars Rover: \$2.46 billion

*Bonus - Manhattan Project: \$2 billion (\$23 billion in today's dollars)
Source: Statista.com

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Micro Crossword

Answer

W	A	Y	N	E
E	M	A	I	L
B	O	X	E	S
B	R	I	C	E
Y	E	S	E	S



DEAR PAWS: I noticed that my long-haired cat, Charlie, is scratching many times per day. He also is shedding more than usual — mostly undercoat, rather than hair. What's going on? I can't see any evidence of fleas on his coat or skin. — Dan in Colorado Springs

DEAR DAN: Fleas are often the first thing we think of when a cat starts scratching incessantly, but other conditions could be causing skin irritation. And it may be hard to see lesions or hot spots, especially in long-haired cats. Charlie's undercoat is coming out because he's really scratching those spots.

The best thing to do is take Charlie to the veterinarian. Some itching issues have an external cause and can be eased pretty quickly. But some chronic conditions and diseases have itching as one symptom, and only your vet can diagnose these.

Make sure to tell the veterinarian where Charlie is scratching the most. The vet will check these areas more closely for broken skin, lesions, rash and evidence of fleas. They'll also take skin scrapings and fur samples to see if mites are to blame or if there's a bacterial or yeast infection. Blood samples should be taken to test for underlying medical conditions and/or specific allergies. They may send you home with specimen kits to collect urine and poop and bring them in for analysis, too.

The vet will advise you on whether to use a prescription or over-the-counter medication to ease Charlie's itching. When the tests come back, they'll know the best treatment path to take.

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

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SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION

S ₁	H ₄	A ₁	D ₂	D ₂	U ₁	P ₃	RACK 1 =	64
U ₁	N ₁	H ₄	A ₁	N ₁	D ₂	Y ₄	RACK 2 =	64
T ₁	A ₁	X ₈	L ₁	E ₁	S ₁	S ₁	RACK 3 =	64
M ₃	E ₁	D ₂	U ₁	L ₁	L ₁	A ₁	RACK 4 =	70
E ₁	X ₈	U ₁	D ₂	A ₁	T ₁	E ₁	RACK 5 =	81

PAR SCORE 275-285

TOTAL 343

BINGO

ASTROLOGY FORECAST

by Alessandra

Lucky Predictions for December 2024

ARIES: March 21 to April 19

1st thru 6th... Perfect PURPLE 5th-6th\$
7th thru 12th... Get right to it 9th-10th!\$
13th thru 18th... Friends encourage the 14th\$
19th thru 24th... I guess not
25th thru 31st... A stretch but possible 28th-29th!\$

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20

1st thru 6th... Luck's on your side 2nd-3rd\$
7th thru 12th... Cool BLUE card the 7th!
13th thru 18th... GREEN grab & win 15th-16th!\$
19th thru 24th... Small chance the 20th\$
25th thru 31st... Serious win the 30th!\$

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21

1st thru 6th... Real lucky 5th-6th!
7th thru 12th... RED delivers 9th-10th\$
13th thru 18th... All day greatness the 14th!
19th thru 24th... Easiest 23rd-24th!
25th thru 31st... Hold off

CANCER: June 22 to July 22

1st thru 6th... Not happening
7th thru 12th... Luck delivered the 7th!\$
13th thru 18th... BLUE becomes you 15th-16th\$
19th thru 24th... Wealthier outcome 20th!\$
25th thru 31st... Keep playing the 25th!

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22

1st thru 6th... Luck's got you 5th-6th!
7th thru 12th... RED dazzles & pays 9th-10th!\$
13th thru 18th... Gamble on GREEN 14th!\$
19th thru 24th... Your flame's fanned 23rd-24th!\$
25th thru 31st... Prepare to win 28th-29th!\$

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

1st thru 6th... A few chances 2nd & 4th\$
7th thru 12th... Slight advantage 11th-12th
13th thru 18th... Right up your alley 16th-17th\$
19th thru 24th... Not worth it
25th thru 31st... Nice score 25th & 30th!

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

1st thru 6th... Take what's yours 5th-6th!\$
7th thru 12th... Nope
13th thru 18th... Good times 14th & 18th!\$
19th thru 24th... In your favor 19th, 23rd-24th!
25th thru 31st... You're on fire 28th-29th!\$

SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21

1st thru 6th... It could happen the 4th!\$
7th thru 12th... Lookin' good the 7th!\$
13th thru 18th... Find BLUE 15th-16th!\$
19th thru 24th... Practical gains 20th\$
25th thru 31st... Prosperity abounds 25th & 30th!\$

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

1st thru 6th... VIOLET leads to \$\$ the 5th
7th thru 12th... Bet RED 9th-10th!\$
13th thru 18th... Well worth it the 18th!
19th thru 24th... Easy as pie 23rd-24th!\$
25th thru 31st... Avoid disappointment

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

1st thru 6th... Chances increase 3rd-4th!\$
7th thru 12th... BLUE surprise the 7th!\$
13th thru 18th... Nothing there
19th thru 24th... Best chances the 20th!\$
25th thru 31st... Abundantly yours 25th & 30th!\$

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

1st thru 6th... Show up to win 1st & 5th!\$
7th thru 12th... Keep the faith 9th-10th!
13th thru 18th... Multiple chances the 14th!\$
19th thru 24th... Don't delay the 23rd-24th!\$
25th thru 31st... Winning adventure the 28th!\$

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20

1st thru 6th... Serious \$ growth 3rd-4th!
7th thru 12th... Better odds 7th & 11th\$
13th thru 18th... Meet the challenge 16th!
19th thru 24th... Not yet
25th thru 31st... Sitting pretty 30th-31st!

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

PREDICTORS LUCKY CARD FOR DECEMBER 2024

15	18	32	56	62
2	28	36	53	64
12	24	★	59	69
1	29	35	50	63
7	21	38	57	67

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS DECEMBER 2024

1st	New Moon
2nd	Cyber Monday
8th	First Quarter Moon
13th	National Guard Birthday
15th	Full Moon
21st	December Solstice
22nd	Last Quarter Moon
24th	Christmas Eve
25th	Christmas Day
26th	Hanukkah (first day)
30th	New Moon
31st	New Year's Eve



by Frederick Woodruff
Explore more at ASTROINQUIRY.COM

Horoscopes for December 2024

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): The full Moon on the 15th opens the door to your unconscious and floods your creativity with images, stories, and inspirations. This is a period of heightened self-expression for you. Balance your energetic blasts with a set of plans that will promote all of your new efforts.

Lucky Days: 7 - 28
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 32

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): Your down-to-earth nature knows how to work hard to accomplish whatever goal you set for yourself. But that tenacity can turn into a rut that keeps you moving over the same old terrain. Explore your options for growth by undertaking a new study or hobby. It's essential for success next year.

Lucky Days: 10 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 6 - 48

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): Consider restlessness in a different light this month. And find a way to accept the more undisciplined part of your nature. A lot of your chutzpah comes from your sharp sense of humor. Plus, we all need someone in our circle to stir things up, and you're tailor-made for that role.

Lucky Days: 4 - 8
Lucky Numbers: 49 - 50

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Your physical well-being is central to your success in the new year. You'll want to implement new nutritional options, including physical and psychological improvements. Regular exercise is essential to maintaining your mellow and relaxed state of mind. Small efforts offer big rewards.

Lucky Days: 5 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 8 - 40

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): Optimism and self-confidence are rising for you this month. But curb any behavior perceived as arrogant; you want to win over confidants and colleagues that will help you lay the groundwork for your plans. This year has a lot in store for you in the success department.

Lucky Days: 21 - 25

Lucky Numbers: 7 - 19

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): You're ready to set off an 'information safari.' Last year found you exploring unconventional hobbies and pastimes, but now you're preparing to turn it all into a potential business venture. You're in top form when providing a service to others.

Lucky Days: 8 - 22
Lucky Numbers: 19 - 49

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): The full Moon on the 15th reminds you of the power of camaraderie in your life. You're looking to expand into new social circles in the new year. And that's an excellent plan for satisfying your curiosity and keen social instincts.

Lucky Days: 9 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 3 - 32

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): You've landed in an energetic sweet spot but taking advantage of being in the flow requires commitment and discipline. Thankfully, you function best when a disorder needs to be settled. Gather feedback from a trusted advisor.

Lucky Days: 19 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 3 - 33

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): Believe it or not, you thrive on tension; it stimulates your imagination, and you're at your best when your visionary capacities operate full throttle. The full Moon on the 15th forces you to reconsider how you express your temper. Pay attention to feedback from friends.

Lucky Days: 8 - 10
Lucky Numbers: 44 - 49

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20): The end of the year, combined with the full Moon on the 15th, finds you retracing your steps, both your successes and frustrations in the passing year. Take stock, but don't linger on what was less than stellar. The new year promises you surprising opportunities.

Lucky Days: 8 - 26
Lucky Numbers: 6 - 14

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): The mysteries of your erotic life take center stage. Don't be surprised if you're drawn into an unorthodox relationship. Much of your charm resides in your quirky nature and ability to think outside the box. Apply those gifts to winning over what you want this month.

Lucky Days: 23 - 28
Lucky Numbers: 6 - 14

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): In retrospect, you'll see 2024 as the year you worked hard with seemingly little earth-shattering results—but wait. Remember the childhood story of The Little Red Hen; that'll be you in the new year, reaping the rewards of all of your concentrated efforts.

Lucky Days: 4 - 25
Lucky Numbers: 1 - 11

top ten

Fastest Mammals in the World

1. Cheetah: 75 mph
2. Springbok: 62 mph
3. Free-tailed bat: 60 mph
4. Thomson's gazelle: 59 mph
5. Pronghorn: 55.3 mph
6. Quarter horse: 55 mph
7. Serval: 50 mph
8. Wildebeest: 50 mph
9. Saiga antelope: 50 mph
10. Reindeer: 50 mph

Source: DinaAnimals.com

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Cellphone ban

% of U.S. adults who say they... a ban that prevents middle and high school students from using cellphones during ...

Oppose Support



The entire school day



Source: Pew Research Center
Graphic: Staff, TNS

Just Like Cats & Dogs



top ten

WORLD'S LARGEST COUNTRIES BY AREA

1. Russia
2. Canada
3. United States
4. China
5. Brazil
6. Australia
7. India
8. Argentina
9. Kazakhstan
10. Algeria

Source: Britannica

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RED ROCK BIG BINGO WEEKEND



Karen won \$25,000



David won \$2,650

Gasoline Alley

By Jim Scancarelli



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Friends and family Nate C., Randy C., Angie A., Aggie H. and Joyce B. were all smiles celebrating Joyce's big win of \$1199 at Plaza Casino!



Pete L. and Charmaine E. of Denver CO were in good spirits after Charmaine's big win of \$20,000 at South Point!



Congratulations June for winning \$3,000 on the Super Grande at Sunset Station



by Henry Tamburin

How to Boost your VP Play

This month and next I'll focus on concepts and strategies that will help you win at video poker.

Learn Before You Play

My advice is to learn how to play video poker well before you start playing in the casino—it can be a lucrative game if you do so. If you are currently playing video poker and you haven't learned the playing strategy, I would stop playing and take some time to learn, otherwise video poker will become an expensive game for you. Remember, no one in the casino manager's office is going to tell you which video poker games are the best and no one is going to tell you how to play your hands. It's your responsibility as an astute player to learn these things before you play.

Theoretical Return

Every video poker game has a specific pay schedule and a theoretical return. You always want to play a video poker game with the highest theoretical return. There are hundreds of different video poker machines in a casino and no one is going to tell you which one has the highest theoretical return. It's up to you to know which ones have the highest return and play only those games. For example, many casinos offer a jacks-or-better game that pays 8 coins for a full house and 5 coins for a flush (per coin played). This information is right on the computer screen of each machine. The theoretical return for this game is 97.3%. In the same casino there may be a jacks-or-better machine that pays 9 coins for a full house and 6 coins for a flush. The theoretical return for this game is 99.54%. You would be foolish to play an 8/5 game instead of a 9/6 game. The same holds for bonus games and games with wild cards. These games come as short pay and full pay games and you must educate yourself as to what the payoff schedule for a full pay game looks like and then seek out those games in a casino (for example, a 9/6 pay schedule for a double bonus game is short pay; it should be 10/7).

Achieving Theoretical Returns

The above theoretical returns can only be achieved if you play every hand perfectly. This may seem like a daunting task, but it isn't. I taught video poker classes in Las Vegas and all my students were able to learn the playing strategy. The easiest way to learn any video poker playing strategy (say for jacks-or-better) is to practice playing video poker on your computer. Also, you can take a video poker strategy card with you when you play (they are perfectly legal) and you'll always make the correct play. Hey, I teach

ARIZONA CHARLIE'S GOLDEN KNIGHTS NIGHT



Alofae L. won a \$50 Dollar Slot Play Gift Card from "Chance the Gila Monster"



Manuel S. won an extra drawing from "Chance the Gila Monster"!



Sherry B. of Las Vegas was very excited to win two tickets to a Golden Knights Game from "Chance the Gila Monster" at the Arizona Charlies Golden Knights Night!

video poker classes and I still carry my video poker card with me when I play, just in case I run across a hand that I'm not sure how to play. If you play video poker, always have your video poker card handy.

Don't Guess

If you are dealt a four-card flush that also contains a low card in a jacks-or-better game, the correct play is to hold the four-card flush and draw one card. It doesn't matter if you are losing or winning, or what happened the last time you were dealt that hand. Every hand must be played the mathematically correct way. Period.

Next month we'll look at the concept of volatility and how to get returns over 100%. Until then you can explore more about video poker at www.888casino.com/blog/writers/henry-tamburin and the video poker page at www.wizardofodds.com.



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