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2024 BINGO BUGLE GRAND CHAMPION!



And the Winner Is! Kathy Tucker of Akro Ohio, pictured here with Tournament Director and Bingo Bugle publisher, Dennis Conroy, took home top prize and the title of Grand Champion aboard the 2024 Bingo Bugle's World Championship Bingo Tournament and Gaming Cruise!

[See full story on page 16]

\$50,000 BIG BINGO



Friends, Chrissy P., Gina B. Fava A., Annette J., and Angelica S., jumped out of their seats when Gina B. (front) yelled "Bingo!" Gina hit the big \$50,000* G,ame at **South Point Casino**.
(*Amount corrected from last month's edition)

\$19,587 COVERALL



One lucky guest won the Progressive Countdown Coverall of \$19,587 at **Boulder Station's** 7pm session. Reese recently moved to Las Vegas and what brought her out to play was her Grandmother (who is a frequent Boulder Guest). Reese won on the 49th number, on paper. Congratulations to the big winner!

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\$1,057,553*

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*Total from September 1, 2024-November 30, 2024. See the bingo room for details.

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Vegas' Top Ten Values for January

Table with 10 rows listing top dining and entertainment spots in Vegas. Includes 'Steak Dinner • Ellis Island Casino', 'Buffet • Palms', etc.

List courtesy of Anthony Curtis' Las Vegas Advisor, a monthly newsletter devoted to helping you get the most for your money in Las Vegas.



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Most Streamed Shows on NETFLIX

- 1. Wednesday: Season 1
2. Stranger Things 4
3. Monster: The Jeffrey Dahmer Story
4. Bridgerton: Season 1
5. The Queen's Gambit: Limited Series
6. Bridgerton: Season 3
7. The Night Agent: Season 1
8. Fool Me Once: Limited Series
9. Stranger Things 3
10. Bridgerton: Season 2

Source: Netflix

Casino Q&A

Q. What are some of the smallest casinos in the world?

1. - Slots-A-Fun Casino - Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

By far the smallest casino in all of Las Vegas, established in 1971 and famous for offering free fresh popcorn to its customers. For years it has been loved by those who prefer games such as roulette and blackjack.

2 - Deltin Caravela Casino - Mandovi River, Goa, India

On the banks of the Mandovi River, the Deltin offers its passengers a luxury casino experience amid magnificent scenery. With 17 gaming tables including blackjack, roulette, baccarat and poker, and a dining level.

3 - North Cadbury Court - Somerset, England, UK

This is by far the smallest casino in the world. Maximum 30 people, with real professional croupiers to conduct the games, it is located in the basement of a mansion used for weddings and events.

4 - Saloon #10 - Deadwood, South Dakota, USA

Saloon No. 10 is a historic place, telling of Old West fights and clandestine gambling in its basement—a basement that still exists, as well as its mini casino.

5 - Wildfire Casino & Lanes - Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

Despite its relatively small size (21,000-square-foot) this "neighborhood" casino owned by Stations Casinos is a popular place for gamblers, with a sportsbook, iHOP and 18 lanes of bowling.



The Second Largest Poker Bad Beat Jackpot Was In Canada For \$1.7 Million!

By Chad Holloway

Imagine playing a hand of poker that you suffer such a brutal bad beat that you actually become the big winner! That's the beauty of a Bad Beat Jackpot as one player found out on September 27 at the Playground Poker Club in Quebec, Canada, to the tune of CAD \$2,275,388 (approximately \$1.7 million USD).

The hand took place at a \$2-\$5 no-limit hold'em cash game table when a player known only as "Elie" held the 9c9s - fun fact: that's the very same hand Phil Hellmuth had when he defeated Johnny Chan to win the 1989 World Series of Poker (WSOP) Main Event.

The board ran out Ae9hKc9dAs to give Elie four-of-a-kind nines, but it was no good as a player known as "Yann" held the AdAh for quad aces!

The Bad Beat Jackpot rules at the time stipulated that a qualifying hand needed to be quads against a better quads with each player using both their down cards. The card room's Bad Beat Jackpot rules state that the loser of the hand receives 40% of the pot, which came out to CAD \$864,000 (USD \$640,004) in this case. Yann earned 20% of the pot, or CAD \$455,077 (USD \$337,096).

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.



"But on the bright side, money can't buy happiness - so who cares?"

The seven remaining players who were seated at the table during the \$2-\$5 game split 20% of the pot, each receiving CAD \$65,011 (USD \$48,156), and the players in other games around the room evenly split the remaining 20% of the bad beat jackpot.

The Bad Beat Jackpot was the second largest in history slightly behind a hand from August 9, 2023. That hand took place at a \$1-\$2 no-limit hold'em cash game and was for CAD \$2,590,185 (approximately \$1.9 million USD).

On a flop of 8d10d10h, Hoan Truong had flopped quads holding the 10c10s while his opponent, Marc Andre Ouelton, had the 6d9d for a straight flush draw. The 7d turn completed the straight flush, and some more chips went in the middle. After the 2d appeared on the river, Truong moved all in and Ouelton called with the winning hand.

Truong took home CAD \$984,270 for losing the bad beat, the largest share at the table, while Ouelton was paid half that amount (CAD \$492,135). The table share was CAD \$82,003.

Coincidentally, Playground Poker Club is also home to the previous largest bad beat jackpot and it was, oddly enough, a similar hand. In June 2022, quad 10's also lost to a straight flush for a \$2.2 million jackpot (\$1.64 million USD).

Later that summer, a \$1.2 million jackpot was set off at Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh when quad aces were cracked by the Royal Flush of Raymond Broderson, a local low-stakes poker player.

Not all poker rooms offer a Bad Beat Jackpot, so be sure to check wherever you play. You never know when you might take a beat only to score a huge payday. Chad Holloway is a 2013 World Series of Poker bracelet winner, host of the PokerNews Podcast, and PR & Media Manager for PokerNews.com. Follow him on Twitter: @ChadAHolloway.

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AQUARIUS | EDGEWATER CASINOS • RESORTS • LAUGHLIN

Aquarius and Edgewater Casino Resorts Award Over \$6.3 Million to Jackpot Winners in November

Laughlin, Nev. - Dec. 9, 2024 - Golden Entertainment's premier Laughlin properties, Aquarius Casino Resort and Edgewater Casino Resort, combined to award jackpot winners more than \$6.3 million in November.

Aquarius, located at 1900 S. Casino Dr., paid \$5,067,965 in hand-paid winnings, while Edgewater, at 2020 S. Casino Dr., delivered \$1,268,660. November's grand total of \$6,360,857 was awarded to winners across various casino games. Jackpots from the Bingo Room at Edgewater accounted for \$24,232 of the month's total.

Since the beginning of the year, Aquarius and Edgewater have paid out \$69,123,679 in hand-paid jackpot winnings to date in 2024.

Players looking to increase their casino dividends are invited to sign up for True Rewards, Golden Entertainment's rewards program, to receive bonuses including increased point multipliers, prizes such as cash and free slot play, as well as eligibility in select tournaments and special events. For more information, visit the True Rewards center, check out the Aquarius website at www.AquariusCasinoResort.com, or the Edgewater website at www.Edgewater-Casino.com.

Boggle BrainBusters! BrainBusters! By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek. Includes a 10x10 letter grid and a point scale for word lengths.

BOB ON BINGO

By Bob Whitmore

Looking Ahead to '25

Time to change the calendar—again. I think a lot of us have gotten to the point we not only take Bingo for granted, but we take it FAR too much for granted. If you are playing in a hall that does Bingo as a business, such as a Bingo hall in a casino or other gaming facility, the people who handle all the busy chores are employees of the facility.

But, if you are playing in a charitable hall or non-profit, remember, everyone is there because they WANT to be there—to volunteer. They are there to make sure that their charity survives and prospers and that YOU have as much fun as you can.

There are really two kinds of Bingo out there. Both are important. But they are very different. During my years in Las Vegas I spent nearly all my time playing Bingo at halls that were part of casinos. Now that I am back in rural Indiana, most of my Bingo experiences are in school cafeterias or Knights of Columbus halls or Moose Lodges or Elks Halls.

FLASHBOARD NUMBERS. Table with columns B, I, N, G, O and rows of numbers: B: 03 05 07 11 14, I: 18 22 24 27 29, N: 30 31 37 38 39, G: 47 49 53 54 58, O: 62 65 68 70 74

So, it doesn't matter WHERE we play. What DOES matter is that we PLAY; and that we play as often as we can.

For many of us, these are tough times. But it is fun and games that make us smile. It is the fun of Bingo and the thrill of winning (or almost winning) that helps us pass the time and to get away from the real world for an hour or two. Yes, 2024 hasn't been the best of years. We all hope that 2025 will be better. But it is up to US to make that happen.

Make a New Year's resolution that you will bring a friend to Bingo; that you will thank the callers and the runners; and that you will also help out the charity Bingo games in your area.

And, if your hall does not please you, please say something about it. After all, we pay for these games and we expect certain things. Just don't expect to always win. After all, we don't go to Bingo to win. We go to Bingo to laugh with our friends and to get out of the house.

You are the best. Thanks for being with me each month for the past twenty-three years—and keep the e-mail coming to: bobonbingo@earthlink.net. Next month, your e-mail.



January is National Hobby Month

January is National Hobby Month, the perfect time of year to begin a new hobby or revisit an old one you haven't thought about in a while.

The great thing about having a hobby is that it can take your mind off the pressures of work or other daily stresses.

A few ideas for hobbies: New Year, New You: Yes, exercise can be a hobby. If it's new to you, start slowly.



QUESTIONS

- 1. In 1987, what Minnesota Twins third baseman became the first player in Major League Baseball history to hit home runs in his first two postseason plate appearances?

ANSWERS

- 1. Gary Gaetti. 2. The Eastern Illinois Panthers. 3. Portugal and the Netherlands. 4. Second Serve.

to start with short walks, try out chair exercises, begin lifting light weights and more. And yes, dancing is exercise, so try doing some of your classic moves to favorite tunes or learn some new ones!

Let's Get Cooking: Whether you're new to cooking, or an experienced home-chef, there's always something new to learn.

Immerse Yourself in Yoga: Yoga is appropriate for all ages, genders, and current physical fitness levels.

Read or Write a Book: Picking up a good book, journaling, and writing help clear your mind.

There are many more hobbies worth exploring, such as painting, yarn crafts, sculpting, learning to play an instrument, woodworking, taking a dance class, and so on.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Test Your Knowledge

- 1. MOVIES: What was the name of the tournament in Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire? 2. GEOGRAPHY: What was the name of the train service that started in 1883 between Paris and Constantinople (Istanbul)?

ANSWERS

- 1. The Trivizard Tournament. 2. The Orient Express. 3. The ruling class. 4. Madrid, Spain.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- * The term "lawn mullet" means having a neatly manicured front yard and an unmowed mess in the back. * Weird Al Yankovic wrote his parody song "The Saga Begins" before Star Wars: Episode I was released.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — What could make Al Pacino shoot five films back-to-back at 84 years old? In 2011, he learned that his accountant stole \$50 million of his money for a Ponzi scheme, leaving Pacino with \$0.

Pacino started doing commercials, sold one of his two houses, and hit the college talk circuit (which he used to do for free) and paid seminars.

His upcoming films are Modi, Three Days on the Wing of Madness, directed by Johnny Depp; In the Hand of Dante with Oscar Isaac, Jason Momoa, Gerard Butler, Gal Gadot and John Malkovich; Lear Rex opposite Jessica Chastain, Ariana DeBose, Rachel Brosnahan, Chris Messina and Danny Huston; the horror film The Ritual, with Dan Stevens, Ashley Greene and Patricia Heaton; and Easy's Waltz, starring Shania Twain and Vince Vaughn.

Prolific horror novelist Stephen King has Osgood Perkins (son of Psycho star Anthony Perkins) bringing his book The Monkey to big screens on February 21, 2025.

The Monkey stars Theo James (The White Lotus) playing twin brothers who find their father's old toy monkey in the attic and start to see a series of gruesome deaths happen all around them.

In addition, James is soon to be seen in the crime thriller Face, with Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Sam Worthington.



top ten WORLD'S LONGEST SUSPENSION BRIDGES. 1. Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, Japan: 6,532 ft. 2. Yangtsiang Yangtze River Bridge, China: 5,577 ft. 3. Nansha Bridge East, China: 5,538 ft.

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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. DIFFICULTY: ** Moderate ** Difficult *** GO FIGURE!

BROOM-HILDA By Russell Myers. I'M GONNA DIG A SWIMMING POOL! THAT'S A LOT OF DIGGING! TRUE, I'LL MAKE IT A WADING POOL! THAT'S STILL A LOT OF DIGGING! I SETTLED FOR A MUD PUZZLE! OH BOY!!

THE POD REPORT By Dana Block. Happy New Year!

Your Grateful Journey. Gratitude & Growth — Sara Mitich is an actor, yogi and author who holds real conversations about personal transformation during each weekly episode.

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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.

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps. SO, GRANDPA WHEN YOU WERE IN THE ARMY DID YOU HAVE TO TAKE ORDERS? I DID, I HAD TO KEEP MY BED MADE AND WALK IN LINE. I LEARNED THAT IN THE SERVICE. GERALD, MARCH YOURSELF WHERE ON THE DOUBLE AND CLEAN UP YOUR AREA! GEEZ, WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I MAY HAVE PICKED UP A FEW OF THESE SKILLS EARLIER?

FEAR KNIGHT By: rj johnson DOUBT? ...OR DARE! BOR TRODLE WERLO UPML ELMRIB GTU ODRA EBRUL LPA TRUMEA DRELI RWGO. Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word.

COFFEE BREAK!

BINGO BUGLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Temperate
5 Owns
8 Lovers' quarrel
12 Sandwich treat
13 Final (Abbr.)
14 Small combo
15 "Desperate Housewives" actress Eva
17 Cincinnati team
18 Ingratiate
19 Warehouse pile
21 Pigpen
22 Deck for a 10-count
23 Wife of Saturn
26 Embrace
28 Become one
31 Addict
33 Shell game item
35 "My Heart Will Go On" singer
36 Ringworm
38 Egypt's boy king
40 Toss in
41 Transmit
43 Afternoon party
45 "Jane Eyre" author
47 Do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do
51 Mongolian

DOWN

1 Double agent
2 Press
3 Give for a time
4 Venetian magistrates
5 "Get a move on!"
6 Foreman foe
7 Pile
8 Wandered off
9 Transvaal city
10 Staffer
11 Pitch
12 Inauguration
13 No longer
14 Omega precursor
15 Brain's stimulus receptors
16 Understand
19 Deity
20 Conclude
21 Space flight conclusion
22 Job for a medical examiner
23 Pismire
24 Georgia —
25 Considers
26 Coral circle
27 Tourney situations
28 Derriere
29 Vicinity
30 Competes
31 Corn spikes
32 Web address

HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

7				6		8
	3	1		4		
	8	7		6		
	1	6		7		
9		5		8		
8				1	3	
	5	6			4	
	2	4				9

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!

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the board letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Left: SAYTAR
Cancel: EKOVER
Assort: TATES
Lean: LICINN

TODAY'S WORD: _____

"Please, Mother, we refer to this as a wedding reception ... not a _____ dinner!"

JUMBLE

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

DYIGD
RACKN
FUTEFB
LUTCPS

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app.

Answer here: _____

I'm running out of room for your orders. I'm trying.

THE SERVER COULDN'T GET THE PANCAKES TO THE TABLES FAST ENOUGH. ORDERS WERE _____

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

CryptoQuote

AXYOLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

HUY CWXA HUDWP BQCWP
BDHU DTTQHZXDHA DN
HUZH DH HYWVN HC PC
CW ECQYFYQ
- UYOL SZYW

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS NOW ON ASTROLOGY PAGE

BINGO LAND

NEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

Big Winners at Palace Station

Some lucky guests playing Bingo at Palace Station in Las Vegas recently hit some of the casino's largest progressive jackpots. According to Station Casinos, one person visiting from out of town won the Palace Station bingo progressive of \$64,936 after covering all 48 numbers. And just a day prior, a local had hit the Station Casinos Jumbo Bingo progressive for \$159,791. The winner hit the 51st number, 21, and was the single winner. Both big winners chose to remain anonymous.

UK Caller of the Year

A woman has been named the national bingo caller of the year after only working in the industry for two years. Issy-Mae Hunt, 21, who is originally from Ipswich, began working for Buzz Bingo after a friend encouraged her to join the team. After working in Ipswich, she moved to Derby to carry on her work and was entered into the National Game Bingo Caller of the Year competition. She was awarded the title during an awards ceremony in Wakefield, which she said left her family and friends in tears. She told BBC Radio Suffolk she wore a hotdog outfit during her trial for the job in Derby, which helped her stand out. For the Bingo Caller of the Year competition, entrants from bingo clubs across the country were evaluated on their knowledge of the game, their calling skills and showmanship. Ms. Hunt added an extra element to impress the judges. "I played the ukulele and I made my own original cover song," she explained. "I did a spin of my journey through bingo—it was a cute little song and I showed a video, it was really cool."

Young Women Bringing Bingo Back

Millennials and Gen Z are flocking to a new take on an old pastime, where karaoke, drinks and Dirty Dancing take place alongside traditional Bingo, making for raucous good fun. Rank Group, owner of Mecca Bingo, which has 52 venues across the UK, said 44 per cent of its new customers in the past year were under 35 years old. And Buzz Bingo, which operates 82 clubs, said around half of its 200,000 new visitors in the year to January were under 35 years old. Gen Z—those born between 1997 and 2012—have also been drawn into the fold. Many bingo clubs had to close their doors in Britain since 2020, says Miles Baron, chief executive of the Bingo Association, due to a combination of the pandemic and the spike in energy prices following it. But the young ladies are bringing Bingo back. Younger people—mostly women—come because it's "authentic, it's safe, 80 per cent of the attendees are female, unlike pubbing or clubbing. You don't have to dress up to go, but you can if you want to. And it's multi-generational," he says.

Celeb Siting at Bingo

Samuel L. Jackson made a surprise appearance recently at Bongo's Bingo nightclub in Glasgow, Scotland. A nightclub host spoke of his "surreal" and "crazy" experience seeing Samuel L. Jackson on a Friday night. The Hollywood icon, 74, was spotted on stage at Bongo's Bingo, "throwing glow sticks at the crowd" and getting front-row seats to watch a dance performance. "I look over to the right and he's just onstage dancing, enjoying himself, taking a few videos and taking in the crowd," Bongo's Bingo host, said.

FEAR KNOT answer

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top ten

Most Popular Films on NETFLIX

1. Red Notice
2. Don't Look Up
3. The Adam Project
4. Bird Box
5. Leave the World Behind
6. The Gray Man
7. Damsel
8. We Can Be Heroes
9. The Mother
10. Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery

Source: Netflix

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: K equals L

PIJZMB KBSDRBL DRSD RSW
PBBM WIXBERSD XZABO EZDR
XBDSK DI FZJB ZD XILB
WDLBMFDR: ZLIM IARZOB.



Bake a Basket of Magical Meringue Mushrooms

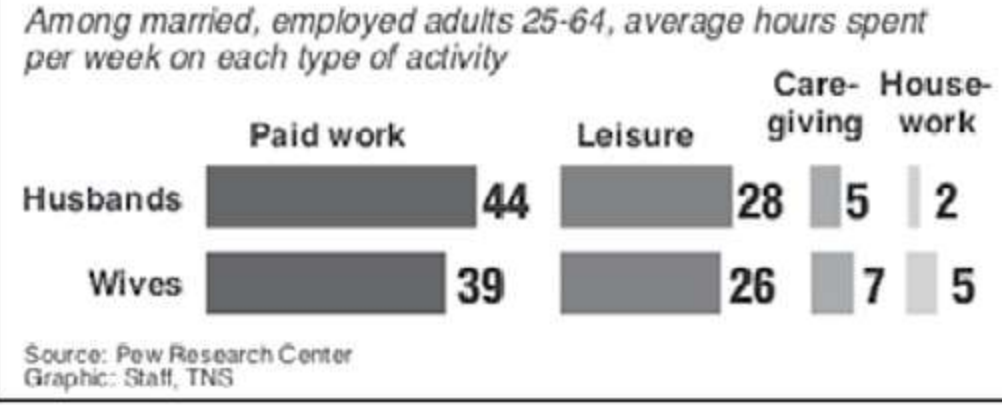
Meringue mushrooms are a trompe l'oeil (trick of the eye), as the French say, and in fact, France is where this whimsical recipe originates. They look like mushrooms, but taste like dessert!

MERINGUE MUSHROOMS

3 egg whites (1/2 cup) at room temperature
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup chocolate chips
Cocoa powder for dusting

Here's the magical meringue-making fun: Preheat oven to 225 F. In a large bowl, beat the egg whites until frothy and foamy with an electric mixer set at a low speed. Add the cream of tartar. Increase speed until soft peaks form. Start adding the sugar slowly, a tablespoon at a time. Let your kids watch as the mixture changes and glossy stiff peaks form. Beat an additional 5 minutes after sugar is added.

Husbands have more leisure



Go Figure! answers

5	+	7	÷	1	=	12
+		+		+		
2	+	3	×	6	=	30
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KOVELS' Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Q: I would like to know if wooden dice and marbles are of interest to anyone. Also, small guns, a rifle that actually opens up, old watch face, old compass, etc. I believe they are all from my grandmother who has been dead for almost 50 years and died in her 70s. Items are more than likely in excess of 100 years old.

A: There is plenty of interest in items like yours! If the guns you mentioned are real, not toys, check your local and state laws if you intend to sell them. The safest way to sell guns is through a reputable dealer. General antique dealers will be interested in the rest of your collection. Antique toy and doll shows are usually the best places to sell old toys. There are many regional shows throughout the country. A collector's club can help you find one near you.

TIP: Silver and gold trim will wash off dishes in time. Do not unload from the dishwasher any dishes with metallic trim until they have completely cooled.

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DEAR AUNT BINGO

by Bonnie Mitchell

Share and Share Alike?

Dear Aunt Bingo,

I have a friend, or shall I say Bingo buddy, who I have great compassion for. She communicates with me about various things, as most buddies do.

When I have won Bingo in the past, I have always included her in my good fortune, meaning I give her \$20 from my winnings. When she has won, she only gives me \$10. (Although I should note that she also shares it with others, if someone we know accompanies us.)

The thing is that I don't always want to share my winnings. I know I'm not obligated to give anyone money from my winnings, but, I feel that she has gotten accustomed to it. I may sound selfish, but I see this a lot at Bingo—people winning and giving money to others: sort of a "when I win, I give you; when you win, you give me" arrangement. How can I just stop giving and not feel bad,

and not say anything about it? I don't want to hurt anyone. But we call each other so we can make it a day when we go to Bingo.

Oh, one other thing: I spend more money at Bingo (on computers, etc.); she only buys cards. I used to attend another Bingo hall and convinced her the one I go to now is better. Before, I used to go alone. Now she comes where I go.

—The Loner, Texas

Dear Loner,

Your letter focuses on two key issues. First, you think you are sharing more prize money with this buddy than she is with you, and second, you are feeling a bit crowded by this person and would perhaps like to go to Bingo without her.

I suspect that your real issue is the second one (which is why you signed your letter "The Loner" and why you were very careful to refer to her as a Bingo buddy rather than a friend), and you are using the money issue simply as an excuse for the real fact that you want to distance yourself from her.

My suggestion is that the next time she wins and tries to give you money, simply decline it, and tell her you think she should keep her winnings for herself and enjoy them. After she does, wait 20 minutes or so, then say, "Yes, I feel good that you kept your prize. It was your luck and you should enjoy it. Let's do this from now on!" Problem solved.

As far as distancing yourself from this buddy, the simplest solution is to go to Bingo on another day or go to a different hall—and don't tell her. If she calls and asks you to go to Bingo and you don't feel like it, simply say so. And if you are worried about hurting her feelings, agree to go with her on occasion, but less often than you currently do. You could even say you feel like you are spending too much money at Bingo and are cutting down. That's a reasonable reason she really cannot argue with. —Aunt Bingo

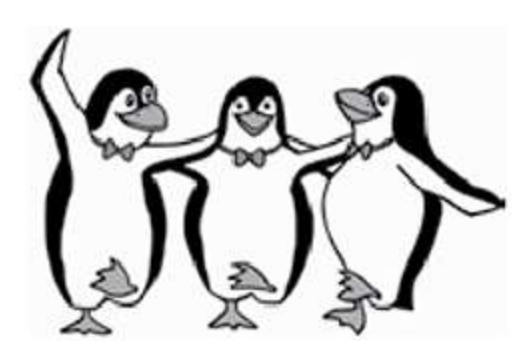
Happy New Year



Hoppin' John and Whipped Cream

I deserve a bonus for making it through last year without stabbing someone with a fork. Plus, I resolve to never again take a sleeping pill and laxative on the same night. —Ms. Know-It-All

Another year has come and gone, but ready or not, it's here! The past year has been a roller coaster ride in more ways than one. We have a new President taking office while another one bids adieu. Some of us made New Year resolutions while some did not, me included. Why make a list of my faults then lie to myself that I'll change—it never happens. The first recorded use of the term New Year Resolution appeared in an 1813 Boston newspaper. The point of that article was that many people sin all year round, then start the coming year with new resolutions; believing their resolve will cause former faults to vanish. If that were true, we would all be better people with no need to make resolutions the following year. Generally speaking, though, resolutions are forgotten after a few days or weeks so why bother. Do the following sound familiar? Stop smoking, save more money, drink less, lose weight, and go to church more often. These were listed in a 1947 Gallop Poll, but I'll bet some 2025 resolutions are exactly the same. So, instead of making worthless resolutions,



let's all just try to be cognizant of what good health entails and try to be good people who get along with each other; even when those others are different or hold different beliefs.

Now, what can we do to usher in good luck, putting 2024 behind us? Have you tried Hoppin' John? It's a southern dish made with black-eyed peas, rice, and thick cut bacon that dates back to the 1800s. Traditionally, collard greens and cornbread are served alongside. If eaten on New Year's Day, it's supposed to bring prosperity and good fortune. For the recipe, google southernliving/classic-hoppin-john-recipe. Sounds delicious, but to usher in my own family's good luck this New Year's Day, we will eat what we always have, sauerkraut and pork.

On New Year's Eve, most U.S. residents drink alcoholic beverages and watch the giant ball in Times Square drop on the stroke of midnight, but what do other countries do? In Thailand, guns are fired to frighten off demons; in China, firecrackers rout the forces of darkness; in Denmark, plates and glasses are thrown against each other's front doors to scare away bad spirits; in Ecuador, effigies of famous people are burned to destroy bad juju. Regarding food, the Dutch eat fritters; Pakistanis devour rice to bring prosperity; Israelis eat apples dipped in honey for the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. And last, but not something I'm endorsing, the Swiss drop dollops of whipped cream on the floor and leave it there, symbolizing the richness of the year to come. My question is how long does it stay there? I'd decline an offer of pie and coffee the next day if the whipped cream was gone from the floor and my pie was piled high with it. Until next month may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. Let me know (nlpvzw6172@gmail.com) if you try the Hoppin' John or throw whipped cream on your floors. May you and yours be blessed in 2025.

Lucky Lotto News

Lucky Glitch

It was a usual trip to the store for an Illinois man. He picked up his groceries and decided to buy a lottery ticket on his way out. He tried to select a game, but the lottery machine at the Addison Jewel Osco got stuck on the "Lotto" game, according to release from the Illinois Lottery. "I was a bit frustrated," he told Illinois Lottery officials. "I said, 'What is going on? The machine won't give me the right game!' So, I decided I may as well buy the Lotto ticket." His "may as well" attitude paid off. He couldn't believe his eyes when he scanned the ticket to reveal a \$9.2 million prize. "I looked at my wife and she was completely speechless," he said, per the release. "We are laughing over how angry I was at the broken machine—and we're so grateful for how it all turned out." The winner chose to remain anonymous.

A Bigger Winner

A Michigan man relied on the same lottery numbers for years hoping that they would pay off. When he matched all five numbers on the Lucky For Life game, he thought that netted him a \$5,000 prize. Then, the 67-year-old looked again. "I started pacing the house and couldn't stop!" Carl Cooper said when he learned he had won \$25,000 a year for life, according to a news release from Michigan Lottery. According to officials, he chose to claim his prize in a lump sum of \$390,000. In an attempt to grapple with the prize, Cooper said he watched the news to try and calm himself. "As soon as it came on, they were talking about the big Lucky For Life winning ticket that was sold in Clio and I yelled: 'Hey, that's me!'" he told officials. "Winning a prize like this is a surreal experience." Cooper plans to buy a new snowblower and then save the rest of his winnings.

Player Floored by Multiplier

A Missouri man scratched off what he thought to be a \$1,000 win but was "floored" when he learned that the prize was much bigger. When scanning his winning ticket, the machine told the man he had won the top prize of \$100,000 from the "20x Crossword" ticket he bought in Fulton. Confused by the machine, he took another look at his scratcher. "That is when I realized I missed two words: react and turnover," he said. Prizes in the game increase the more words players' match, lottery officials said. The winner said he plans to pay off his debt and save money to buy a home. Fulton is about a 100-mile drive northwest from St. Louis.

Store Clerk Jumps for Joy

Lloyd Harless is happy that he won \$50,000 on a Gold Bar Bingo scratch-off but said he wasn't nearly as excited as the store clerk. The Aberdeen, Maryland resident explained that he handed his \$5 instant ticket over to the gas station clerk to check for a win. Once the clerk scanned the scratch-off, the store employee started to jump around with excitement. Lloyd said he had no idea what was going on. "It took a while for me to find out that I won," he said. The 81-year-old Harford County man is undecided on how he is going to spend his \$50,000 top prize but added that there are parts of the world that he wants to explore. Lloyd got to see some foreign countries when he served in the U.S. Air Force. "My bucket list has gotten so big that I had to dump it out and start all over again," he said with a laugh. The retiree plays other Lottery games in addition to scratch-offs and said he's also had luck with Pick 3. Lloyd added that he plays the numbers of deceased friends' birthdays and has won multiple times.

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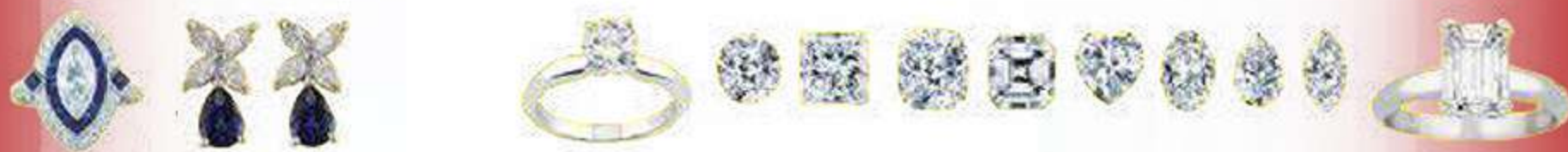


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Special Reporting by Indiana Bingo Bugle publisher, Gary Cheesman

Kathy Tucker of Akron, Ohio says she got the best Christmas gift ever.

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But she rallied after all that treatment and felt good enough to join her two sisters on the Bingo Bugle's World Championship Bingo and Gaming Cruise.

"My sister scheduled us on this before all my treatments, so I didn't really know if I'd make it," she explained.

And it's a good thing she showed up for the fun because she won the whole shebang.

"I'm just glad to be alive. I never thought I'd be in the running to win this," she exclaimed, referring to the \$7,800 in cash she won.

"I knew I won a game by myself on the first day, but I wasn't even listed as a leader on the second day," she said.

But then Kathy got hot and on the last day split a win with three others and added a final win by herself to make her the champion player.

And just to add a little spice to the fun, besides the cash, the tournament directors also threw in a balcony room cruise-for-two for the next Tournament. It sails from Orlando, Florida on November 1, 2025.

Cruising is fun for Kathy. This is her fourth Bingo Bugle cruise. But one of her sisters had never been on a cruise of any kind

before. They should be happy campers now. "I gave my sisters half of my cash and I kept the other," she explained.

Oh, one other splurge the cash let Kathy purchase: "I'm gonna get an electric scooter. I don't get around very well anymore."

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Tim C. of Downtown Las Vegas was happy to meet "Chance the Gila Monster" and take home a Golden Knight Wine Glass Set and bottle of wine at Arizona Charlie's.



Sau T. enjoyed a good laugh with "Chance the Gila Monster Lizard" and Chloe W. the Cheerleader, after winning the extra drawing at Arizona Charlie's Golden Knights Night!



and owners who may not be happy about their cats being fed somewhere else.

If you have a neighborhood HOA, bring up the issue in a community meeting. The cats' owners may not be aware of what's going on. If you don't have an HOA, try discussing the issue with the other owners directly. Explain that their cats are at risk of contracting diseases common among strays, like FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus) or could be injured in a territorial fight. The least painful solution is for cat owners to keep their outdoor cats inside and away from the neighbor.

Then contact your local animal control. Now, animal control doesn't always intervene in these situations, but if they feel that the strays are a danger to other pets, they may come out and try to trap and remove them to a shelter, or at least have a talk with your neighbor about putting food out.

How would you handle a similar situation? Tell us about it at ask@pawscorner.com.

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DEAR PAWS: My next-door neighbor puts out food for all of the outdoor cats in the area. That includes a lot of strays who are now mingling with the cats who have homes. She even buys specialty cat food if she thinks they don't like what she's offering. I think this is a dangerous situation, because the cats may be exposed to diseases from the strays. What should I say to her to stop this?

— Concerned Next Door

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