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‘Leapling’ Babies and Hoodie Hoo: February has a Special Day for Everyone

Attention, all leapling babies. I’m referring to those of you who were born on February 29th. You will not be able to celebrate on your actual birthday until February 2020. Boo hoo. Leap years have an extra day added to bring our calendar in sync with the solar year. That is, our calendar year usually lasts 365 days, but not exactly. It actually takes 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 45 seconds for the Earth to complete its journey around the sun. Every year, the calendar falls about one-quarter of a day behind the solar year, so every four years one day is added to catch up. If you were born on that added day, then you are one lucky dude. Astrologers believe that you will have unusual luck and talents such as the ability to roll your tongue or whistle. Really? My brothers can do both, but neither is a leapling.

I’m told that those of us who aren’t leaplings can summon good luck in a leap year by carrying a frog. I don’t think live ones would be happy in cramped stuffy pockets so I suggest carrying small ceramic ones that you can tuck into a bingo bag. I’ve also been told that eating fried frog legs on February 29th will summon good luck. Well now. That would



Wear red on the first Friday in February to support women’s heart health — it could be your lucky color!

entail luck for us, but not so much for the legless little frogs.

February has a lot of special days. The first Friday is National Wear Red Day. Both men and women are encouraged to wear red as a symbol of their support of women’s heart health since coronary heart disease is the #1 killer of women in America. Help spread the word by getting

on the bandwagon and wearing red to bingo. Tell others why you are doing so. February 14th is Valentine’s Day. Take your sweetie to Bingo. Monday, February 20th is Presidents Day. Since Presidents Washington and Lincoln are on the dollar and five-dollar bills, honor them by only using those denominations at Bingo. The 20th is also Hoodie Hoo Day. I don’t have a clue where that came from or what it means, so try this. If you get a Bingo, yell hoodie hoo as loud as possible. The caller will get your drift, other players will get a good laugh, and you will still get the money. Who knows? Maybe you’ll start a trend and invent a new game just like Edwin Lowe did in the 1930s when someone yelled Bingo instead of beano. That brings us to February 27th— which is No Brainer Day. It’s a no brainer that on February 27th and as often as possible, we should go to Bingo. Playing Bingo is fun and who doesn’t like winning money? Therefore, go; win big. Lady Luck will blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Also, in case you’ve forgotten, February is Spunky Old Broads month and I like to think I am one. If you are too, email me at homemailbox@roadrunner.com and tell me why.

Gaming News

ATLANTIC CITY. Casino-watchers in Atlantic City, NJ, says that in the weeks since the Trump Taj Mahal closed its doors, the seven remaining casinos in that city have not benefited by the drop in competition. As a matter of fact, according to published reports, the numbers dropped by three-and-a-half percent in the month after the closing. The best performer of the seven remaining major casinos was the Tropicana Casino and Resort Atlantic City; it posted a 12.1% increase in year-on-year figures.

ENGLAND. While many American Bingo halls have either shut down or are decreasing their hours, Bingo is going great guns in England. The BBC is even reporting that not only are the numbers up, but more and more younger people are playing the game.

Having younger people attend games is something that many U.S. Bingo halls have longed for. Some halls, though, have been fighting for younger players. At least one hall in Nevada announced youth-oriented games with sessions that include black lights and glow-in-the-dark playing cards.

INDIANA. When a southern Indiana Knights of Columbus Hall’s legal “treasure hunt” jackpot started rising, the anticipation got international attention. For weeks, the hall in Washington, Indiana (a town of 10,000) kept seeing no winner. Week after week, still no winner. The pot kept rising. It was nearly 50 weeks before the treasure hunt jackpot was won. The prize was nearly a million dollars. Thousands of people converged on the city. Local charities benefit

from the drawing. And, yes, the city’s motels and restaurants were thrilled with the sudden arrival of people from all over the Midwest.

IDAHO. The latest audit figures in Idaho, compiled by that state’s racing commission, show that at least one horse track in that state may have strayed from the regulatory straight-and-narrow. Les Bois Park, Idaho’s only commercial racing facility, what shut down earlier this year when a bill went through the state legislature banning a level or machines that are cousins of slot machines. There is also confusion in the commission about undistributed funds in the state. More than \$72-million earmarked for state schools has yet to be delivered because the commission has lost some ability to disburse funds.

Lucky Lotto News

All or Nothing First

A father and son from Halstad, Minnesota, both won the \$100,000 top prize in the state's All or Nothing drawing. Pedro Ruiz, Jr. was on his way to dinner when his father, Pedro Ruiz, Sr., called asking him to purchase All or Nothing tickets for the weekend drawings. Ruiz bought his father's ticket in Gary and later decided to buy his own ticket in Mahnomen. Ruiz, Jr. played the opposite numbers that were on his father's ticket. To win the \$100,000 top prize a ticket must either match all of the 12 winning numbers or none of the winning numbers. A few hours after the drawing, the family discovered that Ruiz, Sr. was a \$100,000 winner because his ticket did not match any of the winning numbers. Later that night, Ruiz, Jr. realized his ticket matched all of the winning numbers. The Minnesota State Lottery says this is the first time that tickets matching all of the winning numbers and none of the winning numbers were sold for the same drawing.

Accidental Tickets Wins Big

A New Jersey man has won a multi-state Cash4Life prize worth \$1 million because of a

lottery ticket that was sold to him accidentally. 70-year-old Dante Castillo won \$1,000 a week for life, but claimed the \$1 million cash option. Castillo generally picks his own numbers, but a store clerk accidentally sold him one Quick Pick ticket—which turned out to be the winner. Castillo told lottery officials he knew he won after checking the ticket, but returned to the store to double check. The odds of buying a second-prize ticket with a \$2 ticket are 7,282,016 to 1, according to lottery officials. The winning numbers were 17, 23, 30, 49 and 55, and Cash Ball was 1.

Co-workers Score with Powerball

Twenty Tennessee co-workers were the winners of a \$421 million Powerball jackpot. The employees of the North American Stamping Group in Portland, Tennessee, play the lottery twice a week, buying at least sixty tickets and usually rolling any winnings into the next drawing. Each of the "Tennessee 20" took home about \$12.7 million. One of the group said that the company's president asked if all 20 would be quitting immediately. While some of the employees are indeed taking early retirement, all promised their boss they would stay on long enough to train replacements.

Girls Gives Prize to Charity

Phoebe Brown, 7, is a second grade student attending Sycamore Hills Elementary School in Independence, Missouri. One day while shopping with her mother, she came across a lottery ticket on the floor inside a store. Phoebe often picks up discarded lottery tickets, and this time it was a good thing she did. The ticket was a \$100 winner. Rather than spend the money on herself, however, Phoebe decided to help others. Her school was collecting canned goods for the less fortunate, so the Browns bought \$100 worth of groceries to add to the donations.



GROUNDHOG DAY-FEB 2

WOULD YA' BELIEVE?



...It was beloved American humorist and social commentator Will Rogers who made the following sage observation: "Too many people spend money they haven't earned, to buy things they don't want, to impress people they don't like."
...Famed Thoroughbred racehorse Man o' War was as successful off the track as he was on it. After his famed career, he retired to stud, producing more than 64 stakes winners. Man o' War sired 1937 Triple Crown winner War Admiral, and he was grandsire of Seabiscuit, who was Horse of the Year in 1938. In 1966, 37 percent of all stakes winners were descended from Man o' War, and he appears at least 17 times in the bloodline of American Pharoah, the 2015 Triple Crown winner.
...Those who study spycraft are aware of the many ingenious ways used to pass secret messages. One of the earliest examples occurred in the late 6th century BCE, when Histiaeus, the tyrant of Miletus (now Turkey), shaved the head of his most trusted slave, tattooed a message on the slave's scalp, and waited for the hair to grow back before dispatching the slave to his son-in-law, Aristagoras, along with instructions to shave the slave's head upon his arrival.



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Bingo News

If Bingo was a Sport

British newspaper the Mirror has reported that the number of people playing Bingo in that country has overtaken the number of people who play tennis. According to stats from Sport England, around 1.7 million Brits play tennis every month, compared to 1.9 million monthly Bingo players. Research found that Bingo has rocketed in popularity in recent years, with more players than most sports. According to Sport England, if Bingo were to be considered a sport rather than a game, it would sit firmly in sixth place, pushing tennis to seventh.

St. Louis Helps Immigrants

The St. Louis (Missouri) Mosaic Project is a regional initiative within the city's Economic Development Partnership, and the World Trade Center St. Louis, which helps foster the idea that immigrants invigorate the region and drive innovation. As part of the initiative, the Mosaic Project has come up with a creative and fun way for the Hispanic population to become familiar with the city's most popular spots. It's a game called St. Louis Loteria—a form of Bingo—that uses images instead of numbers. In the St. Louis version, iconic area images like the Gateway Arch are being used. The St. Louis Mosaic Project is distributing the game free to different organizations and churches that serve the Hispanic community. You can also download versions of the cards at stlmosaicproject.org/loteria.html.

Vegas Bingo Upgrade

On your next trip to Las Vegas, stop in at Station Casinos' Santa Fe Station, which opened a new, 10,000-sq.-ft. Bingo hall in December. The new hall has a mix of tables, each with a view of 30 television screens or the 12x15-ft. video wall that has the capability of being split into quadrants to produce multiple images. The hall has upgraded seating and technological innovations. The sound and lighting systems have been enhanced and every player will be close to electrical outlets or USB charging stations. The room has a glass-enclosed smoking area and private restrooms for players. A special VIP area with plush seating and dedicated displays can be reserved for parties and other special gatherings.

Top Chef Bingo

This year's Bravo TV series Top Chef took place in Charleston, South Carolina, and the Charleston Wine + Food Festival joined in on the culinary fun by creating "Top Chef Bingo" during which participants watched the premier episode of Top Chef: Charleston at home or at a local pub, logged onto Twitter and followed along and covered spaces on Bingo cards by tweeting. Players won a range of prizes including Charleston Wine + Food festival tickets.

Jeff won \$1,000 on the Blue Coverall at Roseville Bingo Hall.

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Horoscopes for February 2017

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): With Venus and Mars working overtime in your house of character, you're like a magnet drawing to yourself whatever you desire. Make your aim personal and physical, like a makeover of some kind. Let yourself stray. Think off the beaten path: new clothes, new colors, and maybe a new hairstyle—a new you!
Lucky Days: 12 - 28
Lucky Numbers: 32 - 57

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): Here's some advice from Benjamin Franklin: "Hide not your talents, they for use were made." This is your affirmation throughout February, when inspiration may waver—stay true. Apply your fierce persistence to reaching your goals. Be selective. Focus on what is directly in front of you, not something you'll have to chase

after tomorrow.
Lucky Days: 11- 26
Lucky Numbers: 10 -30

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): Pause and reconsider the significant relationships in your life. Expect breakthroughs in affairs of the heart on the full moon on the 10th. A new love begins, an old partnership ends—or is transformed radically. Follow the wisdom of your heart as it tracks the insights of your intuition. Inner guidance will lead the way.
Lucky Days: 13 - 17
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 31

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Are you ready to release outworn fears about scarcity? February finds you ready to flick the switch on a brand new creative project that can have far reaching effects for your finances. The main lesson involves something more spiritual. Trust in a higher power akin to sanity. Meditate on this truth as you replenish your bank account.
Lucky Days: 2- 24
Lucky Numbers: 24 -44

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): Mars, the motivator, is cavorting all month long in your house of the higher mind. Surround yourself with professors (or wizards), individuals that can teach you new philosophies to broaden your perspective and support your interest in new dimensions. Don't be afraid to journey. This is a perfect month for foreign lands and people.
Lucky Days: 16 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 25 - 29

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): What is it that makes romance so beguiling at the start of a relationship? It's the mysteries and unknown qualities of a stranger. Be willing to meet and mingle with people from other tribes. You're itching for the excitement of love and you'll find it this month in the most unlikely of places. Venture forward!
Lucky Days: 9- 19
Lucky Numbers: 13 -27

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): Jupiter continues to enliven your house of charisma, attracting to you opportunities that will alter your sense of self in radical ways. The more daring and experimental you are willing to become, the easier this cosmic transformation will be. The price? Letting go of the outworn and boring. Make 'fresh' and 'new' your keywords in February.
Lucky Days: 14 - 18
Lucky Numbers: 4 -50

SCORPIO (OCT 24th-NOV 22nd): It's a good time to withdraw a little and settle down to practical affairs. Explore new dietary or nutritional regiments, anything that will improve your health and put a zing in your step. Mid-month brings you an important clue about finances. Keep in mind these words from the philosopher Icus: "There is no way to prosperity—prosperity is the way."
Lucky Days: 3 - 17
Lucky Numbers: 7 - 35

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23rd-DEC 21st): Upside down and inside out. Can you relate? Even your free-willing, unfettered spirit is feeling the pressures of constant change now—the shifts and slips of time. Of all the star signs you are the best equipped to go with the flow. Freedom is one of your keywords. Just remember that each new revelation is a greater degree of liberty and you'll do just fine.
Lucky Days: 8- 14
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 55

CAPRICORN (DEC 22nd-JAN 20th): Without change, something sleeps inside us, and seldom awakens. The sleeper must awaken. Your preferred pace in life is slow and steady but February is all about gaining speed and losing the superfluous. Study carefully what is holding you back and use diplomacy to cut ties where needed. Spring arrives early for you.
Lucky Days: 1 - 24
Lucky Numbers: 8 - 54

AQUARIUS (JAN 21st-FEB 19th): The power of positive thinking lends beauty and justice to our lives. This is a good time to put the force of your affirmations to the common good. Get involved with community or neighborhood affairs, efforts that support camaraderie and sharing. You're a natural with making the world a better place for all people.
Lucky Days: 11 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 50

PISCES (FEB 20th-MAR 20th): Tensions with finances are resolved when you make a firm decision about a niggling family issue that prevents you from getting what you want. But keep in mind this notion from the writer Robert Anthony: "The biggest lie on the planet: 'When I get what I want I will be happy.'" Your job is to find the sweet spot between these two realities.
Lucky Days: 16 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 12 - 49

YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS

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Veterans Post

VA Podcasts Get A Thumbs Up

The Department of Veterans Affairs has launched a weekly podcast titled This Week at VA that includes benefit information and interviews with veterans. So far it's pretty good.

One episode features a blind Navy vet who's a Paralympic Gold Medalist. Bradley Snyder is currently the world record holder for the 100-meter freestyle swim event. His description of how he's adapted to his blind life (he lost his vision in an IED explosion) is inspirational. He's also written a book, Fire in My Eyes.

Another podcast is about Haley Carter, a female Marine veteran and graduate of the

Naval Academy. She is a former goalkeeper for the Houston women's soccer team and currently is the assistant coach for the Afghanistan women's national soccer team. Carter also talks about claiming the VA benefits she's entitled to—education, buying a house, health—and what it was like to transition out of the Marine Corps.

Yet another podcast is an interview with the Massachusetts secretary of veterans' services, Francisco Urena. He talks about VA benefits, why he joined the military, serving in Syria and Kyrgyzstan, and more.

Granted, you're not going to hear from veterans who've been waiting years for disability benefits or who've had their paperwork lost five times, but chances are you'll get something good out of listening to the stories of these other veterans.

To access the podcasts on your computer, go to www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/. You also can sign up on iTunes and get weekly updates when a new one is put up.



By Guy Williams

New Yorker is Back at Bingo

Hi Guy,

I have been playing Bingo regularly for about five months now—twice a week so far at a number of different charity games and at a casino in my area.

I started going not long after I came across a copy of this Bingo newspaper in a neighbor's recycle bin while out walking one afternoon.

It was fun to flip through (the paper, not the recycle bin!), and when I saw all the games in the paper's directory, it got me thinking that I should try one of the games.

I went to a small school Bingo near my home and mostly had fun—except for being a little anxious about keeping track of the numbers. But after I went a few more times I got the hang of it and no longer worry about staying with the caller.

It has been enjoyable visiting the different halls in the area, and it gave me a chuckle at how many of the same people I see over and over again, no matter which Bingo I choose. Apparently, like most activities, there is a community of people who seem to be the core of Bingo fans, followed by

the semi-regulars who only go to select halls. The jury is still out on which category I will eventually fall into. But I am sure I am not telling you anything you don't already know.

The reason for this letter is to share my excitement about finally winning my first Bingo! Actually, I should say my first two Bingos because I won two jackpots in one night with a triple Bingo followed by a coverall, both on the same card. It was SO exciting!

I have played enough now to know the feeling of being one number away and itching to hear that number called—until someone else's is called first. This was exactly the same, until I saw my number pop up on the monitor.

My jaw dropped, I could hardly swallow, it seemed like an hour before the caller finally said the number out loud. I called Bingo so loud it made the people sitting around me jump in their chairs. When I told them it was my first ever Bingo, they applauded.



Karen wins Lynn off fast at Roseville Bingo Hall!

When the last number for my coverall came up, I was a little calmer, but not much. And when I called Bingo the second time, the people around me were a LOT less enthusiastic about my win—which made me feel like I fit right in.

I am so very happy to now be able to say that I'm not just a Bingo player—I am a Bingo WINNER! I cannot wait for it to happen again. — **Brad L., Cicero, NY, via email**

Hi Brad,

Well congratulations, and welcome to the winners' circle!

Most Bingo players remember their first Bingo win. For lots of us, it was playing as kids, perhaps at a birthday party, and winning candy or a small, treasured prize. Others were a bit older, and were thrilled to discover that you could actually win money by playing this "kids' game" with adults. Still others, like yourself, came back to Bingo many years later, gave it a fresh look, and rediscovered the fun of competing with a community of fellow Bingo fans, coming close to winning time and time again, but just missing, and then experiencing the joy of finally beating the crowd and taking home that big juicy jackpot.

Whether you're in a dimly lit church basement or a flashy casino game room, getting Bingo is equally thrilling. Here's hoping there are many more Bingos in your future. — **Guy**

Hey guys! (And gals!) Write to: Guy's Turn c/o The Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, Washington 98070, or email Guy directly at Tonder22@aol.com. Be sure to include your name and address (you may request that your name not be published), as typically Guy will not include anonymous letters in his columns.

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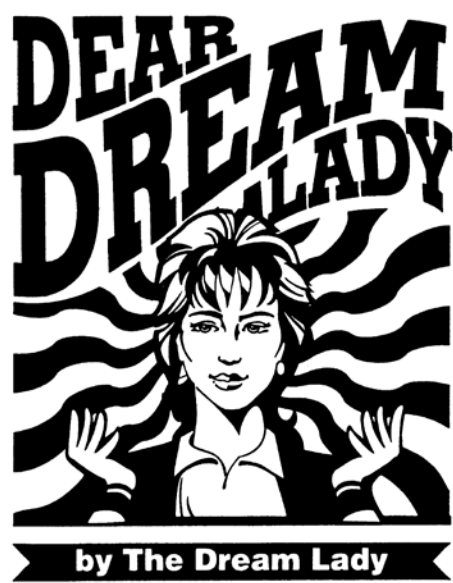
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Too Much TV and Telephone?

Dear Dream Lady,

Perhaps I watch too much TV news, but lately I have been having dreams of being attacked by gangs. Even though I live in a city, my neighborhood is a safe one and there is no logical reason why I would have these dreams. I have had four of these dreams in the last month. — **Arnie L., Surprise, Arizona**

Dear Arnie,

This will be difficult for you to believe, but the gang is you and you are your own worst enemy right now. Unknown people, no matter how they are presented, symbolize you. It sounds like you are having extreme difficulties in your life right now. Your letter doesn't tell me anything else, but I encourage you to see a licensed therapist to calm the "gangs" in your life. Good luck. — **Dream Lady**

Dear Dream Lady,

I had an odd dream where I was sewing all of my clothes and also those of my children when they were young. They are all adults now, but it was funny that I was fitting clothes to them as if they were little children. I was clearly enjoying myself. I was also sewing myself a clown costume, which I thought was odd what with all the recent news about clowns. — **Kim G., Chicago, Illinois**

Dear Kim,

Sewing is a constructive and thoughtful exercise of the mind and hands so it tells me that you face a project that takes a lot of concentration. The fact that you were making clothes for your adult

children when they were little tells me you wish for simpler times of the past (even though they seemed busy at the time). The clown has different interpretations, but without knowing more, it sounds like you need to be cautious of potentially untrustworthy people. — **Dream Lady**

Dear Dream Lady,

If I dream that I am always talking on my cell phone, do you think I am talking on my cell phone too much? — **Lynette W, Titusville, Florida**

Dear Lynette,

Yes. You are having a reflective dream, which is clearly telling you to stop using your cell phone so much. I also see these dreams when people are working too many hours and they start to dream that they are working. It is time to turnoff the cell phone at least two hours before you go to bed. You will not regret it. — **Dream Lady**

Please mail your dreams to POB 414, Entiat, WA 98822. Enclose a SASE if you want a personal reply before publication.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENTS

1st-29th Black History Month

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4th First Quarter Moon ☾

5th Super Bowl Sunday

8th Boy Scout Day

11th Full Moon ☾

14th Valentine's Day

20th Love Your Pet Day

18th Last Quarter Moon ☾

20th Presidents' Day

26th New Moon ○

28th Mardi Gras

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Social Security Benefits

Dear Savvy Senior,
When my 62-year-old brother applied for his retirement benefits early this year, he found that Social Security had made several mistakes on his earnings record in past years. The result was his monthly benefit check was much lower than it should have been. It took him months to straighten it out. How can I prevent this from happening to me? — ***Social Insecurity***

Dear Insecurity,

The best way to keep an eye on your personal Social Security records is to carefully review your yearly Social Security statements, and don't be surprised if you uncover an error. Government watch groups estimate that the Social Security Administration (SSA) makes mistakes on at least three percent of the total official earnings records it keeps. Here's what you should know.

Earnings Errors

Social Security benefits

are based on your 35 highest-earning years, as reported to the government by your employers. If an employer has given the government incorrect salary data, or if the government has erred in recording the information, you want to get it corrected as quickly as possible. Otherwise you may not get the full amount you're entitled to when you retire. So when you receive your annual Social Security statement, take the time to compare the earnings listed in the statement with income listed on W-2 forms in your tax records. If you spot a discrepancy, follow these steps:

- Call your nearest Social Security office (SEE WWW.SSA.GOV/LOCATOR or call 8000-772-1213 to get the number) to report the error. Some corrections can be made over the phone. However, you may need to schedule an appointment and go in with copies of your W2 forms or tax returns to prove the mistake, or you can mail it in.

- If you suspect a discrepancy, but don't have backup records, the SSA maybe be able to use your employment information to search its records and correct mistakes. If the SSA can't locate your records you'll need to contact the employer to obtain a copy of your W-2 for the year in question.

- Once your earnings record is corrected, SSA will send a confirming letter. If you don't receive the confirmation within three months, contact SSA again.

And double check the correction by making sure it appears on next year's statement.

- If corrections aren't made on the next statement you receive, start an appeals process (see www.ssa.gov/pubs/10041.html).

Note: SSA statements are mailed annually (about three months before your birthday) to everyone age 25 and over who is not already receiving Social Security benefits. If you're not receiving yours, see www.ssa.gov/mystatement.

Other Mistakes

Earnings miscalculations can also happen if the SSA didn't have your correct mailing address. If you don't receive your annual statement, that's a tip-off. If there is a mistake, contact the IRS (SSA depends on the IRS for addresses) at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you the Change of Address form 8822, or print it off at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/8822.pdf, fill it out and mail it back to the address on the form.

Two other factors that can cause mistakes are if you changed your name following a marriage or divorce, or if your date of birth in SSA records isn't the same as it appears in IRS files. Double check your SSA statement for these possible mishaps and make sure your earnings data matches the amounts on your W-2 forms. And whenever you change your name, or if you notice a birth date error call the SSA 800-772-1213 and ask

for Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, and submit it with the correct information. The form can also be downloaded at www.ssa.gov/online/ss-5.html.

Calculation Errors

Even when all the earnings data is correct, the SSA occasionally errs in calculating benefits. You can double check their calculations by using SSA's formula found at www.socialsecurity.gov, however the math is rather complex. If you think your benefits have been miscalculated, point it out to your local SSA office and ask them to recalculate. If they do find an error, make sure you receive a confirming letter and that the correction appears on next year's statement. If you're already receiving benefits, the SSA will reimburse you for the amount of the error.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070 or visit www.savvysenior.org.



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The Bingo Bugle Sweepstakes drawings are open to everyone. You may submit a facsimile of this form if none are available to you. Random drawings are held each month. Odds of winning are determined by the total number of entries received. Please — only one entry per person, per bingo location, per month. Winners will be published in the Bingo Bugle.

All contest entries must be deposited in Bingo Bugle advertiser halls (eligible halls are listed in the advertiser listing on page 3).

Entries are limited to one entry per person, per bingo location, per month. (Example: If you visit 10 different bingo locations in one month and deposit your entry at each location, you can win up to \$100! If you visit one bingo hall per month, you can win up to \$25.) All entries must be filled out completely and include the name of the bingo location you visited. Entries that are not filled out properly, or that we cannot read due to illegible handwriting, or are considered a duplicate will be disqualified. We look forward to your entry(s) every month and appreciate your continued readership. Good Luck!

Winners of the monthly contest will be announced each month in the Bingo Bugle. We mail checks after the 20th of each month.

**If you have not received payment
after six weeks, please contact us at
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Monthly Winners to Date:

August: Carol Brockway, Little Canada Market Place Bingo; Miranda Crow, Saints Bingo; Gary D. Miller, Treasure Island Bingo; Sandra Jorgensen, West St. Paul Bingo Palace. **September:** Karissa Harmon, Roseville Bingo Hall; Jane M. Kane, Saints Bingo Hall; Rosemary Desmond, Mystic Lake Bingo; Robert Larsen, Pot O' Gold Bingo Hall. **October:** Bonnie Shaurette, Marian KC Bingo Hall; Mary Morris, Little Canada Market Place Bingo; David Kvarnes, Treasure Island Bingo; Debbie Henning, West St. Paul Bingo Palace. **November:** Vicki Gjesvold, Roseville Bingo Hall; Thomas Edwards, Pot O' Gold Bingo; Bob Culhane, Mystic Lake Casino; Collette Kern, Saints Bingo Hall. **December:** Sheila Strain, Little Canada Bingo Hall; Sandra Rogers, Saints Bingo Hall; Dawn Dalzell, West St. Paul Bingo Palace; Myron Hjermland, Treasure Island Bingo. **January:** Richard Lang, Pot O' Gold Bingo; Terese McLear, North St. Paul VFW; Roger Adams, Mystic Lake Casino Bingo; Terri Rudolph, Marian K of C, Bloomington.

February Winners

Arden Kirkendall...\$25, Roseville Bingo Hall
Lawrence Reibel.....\$25, Little Canada Market Place Bingo
Cathy Bolme.....\$25, Saints Bingo - Bloomington
La Verne Klisch.....\$25, Pot O' Gold Bingo Hall
PLEASE READ CONTEST RULES BEFORE DEPOSITING YOUR ENTRY.
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Saving Bingo

Dear Aunt Bingo:

We received some crushing news tonight. One of my favorite Bingos is closing its doors after more than 30 years of operation. This is the third Bingo to close in my area in the past five years. And every time it has been the exact same thing: No warning, just all of a sudden an announcement that the Bingo will cease operation.

This time I took the time to do some investigating: I chased down the head of the games and asked her directly why the Bingo was ending. She gave me three reasons: fewer players, fewer volunteers, and no one wanting to take over responsibility for the games when she leaves. (She is retiring and she and her husband are moving away.)

I love to play Bingo and I love going to different small,

neighborhood games, which keeps it interesting. Luckily, there are still a number of Bingos in operation in my town so I still have options. But it worries me that like the three Bingos I mentioned earlier, out of the blue they also may one day decide to close their doors.

Do you know if this is happening in other places? Do you have suggestions on helping to keep Bingo going in the smaller venues? Thanks you. — **LuAnne, Illinois, via email**

Dear LuAnne:

The Bingo Bugle is dedicated to keeping Bingo alive and thriving in the USA and beyond. We do this by supporting the Bingo community through articles, photos, advertisements, gaming directories and schedules, puzzles and games, websites, and more.

Obviously, we are never happy to hear about a Bingo game ending. Like you, we know that when it comes to Bingo, the more games there are, the happier Bingo players will be.

I give a lot of credit to the people who step up and take charge of running charity Bingos. It takes a lot of hours with no pay, the only reward coming from knowing that the hard work results in entertainment for Bingo players and much needed dollars for the charities the games sponsor. That’s why, whenever I catch a glimpse of a Bingo manager smiling while on the job, I am always impressed.

Unfortunately, managers’ efforts only go so far. They need

volunteers to sell the paper, work the room, serve the food, call the numbers and clean up the mess. Equally important, managers need enough players filling the chairs and spending money so that the Bingo games can award good prize amounts with enough left over to support charitable work.

If any of the ingredients are missing, the Bingo is in jeopardy. Not enough workers means backed up lines of disappointed players and game delays. Dwindling numbers of players means lost revenue, smaller jackpots and fewer games. Faced with these challenges, what else can managers do but throw up their hands, say, “I’m done!” and close up shop.

It doesn’t take much to help a charity Bingo keep afloat. You can volunteer on occasion when the games are shorthanded. You can encourage more friends and family to go with you to Bingo so there are more dollars coming in. And you can certainly support the hard work of the Bingo manager and crew by letting them know how much you appreciate everything they do—not to mention thinking twice about yelling at the caller or complaining about the service of the volunteers. — **Aunt Bingo**

Share your views! Write to Aunt Bingo c/o the Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, Washington 98070, or email her at STENGL456@aol.com. Be sure to include your name and address (you can request that your name not be published), as typically she will not include anonymous letters in her columns.



Commodore Computer

Q: I bought a Commodore Plus/4 computer about 30 years ago. I never learned to use it. In fact, it is in its original box. I would like to find out what it is worth. — **Alec, Spicer, Minnesota**

A: I would hold on to your computer for a few more years since early computers and computer games are beginning to attract the attention of collectors. That means current prices are sure to increase.

Your Commodore Plus/4 system was one of the first home computers, and the fact that it is in its original packaging makes it especially attractive. I found several Plus/4 computers available for sale, all priced in the \$75-\$150 range. One was in its original box with power adapter and built-in programs on ROM. It was priced at \$95.

You can write to Larry Cox in care of KFWs, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or send e-mail to questionsforcox@aol.com.

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2900 Rice St.
Evening 7:15 & 9:15 PM

Marian KC Hall (952) 888-1492
1114 W. American Blvd.
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Evening EB 6:30, Reg 7 PM

Pot O' Gold (651) 631-1318
Snelling Ave. & Cty. Rd. E
Early Session 10 AM
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Roseville Bingo (651) 697-1090
2525 N. Snelling, Roseville
Matinee 1 & 3 PM
Evening 7 & 9 PM

Stillwater Bowl (651) 439-2444
5862 Omaha Ave. N., Stillwater
Evening 7 PM

West St. Paul Bingo Palace (651) 450-9714
1675 S. Robert St.
Evening 7 PM

TUESDAY

Little Canada Market Place (651) 483-1203
2900 Rice St.
Early Session 10:30 AM
Evening 7:15 PM

Pot O' Gold (651) 631-1318
Snelling Ave. & Cty. Rd. E
Matinee 1:15 PM
Evening 7:15 & 9:15 PM

MONDAY

Little Canada Market Place (651) 483-1203
2900 Rice St.
Evening 7:15 PM

WEDNESDAY

Hopkins VFW (952) 938-9916
100 Shady Oak Rd. S., Hopkins
Evening EB 7 PM
Reg 7:30

Little Canada Market Place (651) 483-1203
2900 Rice St.
Evening 7:15 PM

Pot O' Gold (651) 631-1318
Snelling Ave & Cty Rd E
Early Session 10 AM & 12 PM
Evening 7:15 & 9:15 PM

Roseville Bingo (651) 697-1090
2525 N Snelling, Roseville
Matinee 3 PM
Evening 7 & 9 PM

West St. Paul Bingo Palace (651) 450-9714
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Evening 7 PM

THURSDAY

Marian KC Hall (952) 888-1492
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Bloomington
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Pot O' Gold (651) 631-1318
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Matinee 2 PM
Evening 7:15 & 9:15 PM

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5 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 PM FREE SIDE with 'Diamond' or More	6 1, 3, 7, & 9 PM 1 or 2 Special! 'Diamond' and 'Mini', 1 free side 'Star', 'Rose' or 'Max', 2 free sides!	7 3, 7, & 9 PM SPIN TO WIN!	8 **3, 7, & 9 PM** \$50 Buy-In! 12 of Every Special 36 All 6 Face Games **No coupons, points or birthdays**	9 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 PM FREE SIDE with 'Diamond' or More	10 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 PM \$20 OFF a 'Max'	11 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 PM Late Night Special Buy 9 & 11 PM before 9 PM and receive \$10 Instant Savings!
12 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 PM <i>Play Bingo!</i>	13 1, 3, 7, & 9 PM SPIN TO WIN!	14 3, 7, & 9 PM WINNERS SHIRT Roseville Bingo's Lucky Shirt! \$10 OFF All sessions (Roseville only)	15 3, 7, & 9 PM PICK A 'ROSE'! 'Star' or more 2 free sides!	16 **1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 PM** BOGO Buy 7 PM and 9 PM is FREE **No coupons, points or birthdays**	17 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 PM Late Night Special Buy 9 & 11 PM before 9 PM and receive \$10 Instant Savings!	18 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 PM Star, Rose or Max 2 Free Sides
19 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 PM Mega Max Buy a Max for 1 & 3 or any two 7, 9 or 11 PM and get \$80 OFF!	20 1, 3, 7, & 9 PM 1 or 2 Special! 'Diamond' and 'Mini', 1 free side 'Star', 'Rose' or 'Max', 2 free sides!	21 3, 7, & 9 PM WINNERS SHIRT Roseville Bingo's Lucky Shirt! \$10 OFF All sessions (Roseville only)	22 3, 7, & 9 PM SPIN TO WIN!	23 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 PM FREE SIDE with 'Diamond' or More	24 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 PM \$20 OFF a 'Max'	25 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 PM Late Night Special Buy 9 & 11 PM before 9 PM and receive \$10 Instant Savings!
26 1, 3, 7, 9 & 11 PM February Birthday Party! 3 PM & 9 PM — Two times to celebrate! Free \$10 Off and Goody Bag	27 1, 3, 7, & 9 PM SPIN TO WIN!	28 **3, 7, & 9 PM** \$50 Buy-In! 12 of Every Special 36 All 6 Face Games **No coupons, points or birthdays**	Electronic Bingo Machines (paper also available) • Pull Tabs • Concessions • ATM ** no coupons , gift certificates or points on ** days			

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SATURDAY

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Matinee 2 PM★

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Brainerd, MN (Crosslake)

14th Annual Winterfest Feb. 2-4. WinterFest in Crosslake promises a weekend of snowy fun for the whole family! Medallion Hunt, snow mountain, pond skating, scavenger hunt, s'mores, hot cocoa and fireworks all on Friday! And, more on Saturday: Pancake breakfast, ice car racing, bocce ball tournament, helicopter rides, radar runs, 1:30 p.m. Bar Bingo at Crosslake Fifty Lakes American Legion, live music. For info visit cmyogeto@explorebrainerdlakes or call (218) 692-4027.

Brooklyn Park, MN

Family Valentine Bingo! Feb. 11, 2-4 p.m. It's our Family Valentine Bingo event, truly family-based. FREE for all ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. If you are lucky enough to yell "CUPID" (we mean "BINGO"), you will have a chance to win some great prizes. Cost: 6 free games, \$1 for 6 more games. Refreshments will be on sale. Zanewood Recreation Center, 7100 Zane Ave. N., Brooklyn Park. For more info call (763) 315-8444.

Fergus Falls, MN

Frostbite Festival Feb. 3-5. Celebrate winter with fun, family-friendly activities throughout Fergus Falls. Ice Skating (indoors & outside), Bingo, Comedy, Pancake Breakfast, Chili/Soup Cook off, Music, High School Sports, Bunco Tournament, Dart Tournament, Comedy Night, Frozen 5K, Chamber's Battle of the Businesses Bowling Tournament, FREE Sertoma Ice Fishing Derby & SuperBowl Parties. For

information call (218) 736-6951.

Forest Lake, MN

Join us at the Forest Lake VFW for MN Wild Bingo! Feb. 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We will be giving away sets of tickets to MN Wild games, Jerseys and more! We will also have a mus-go coverall! Packet sales will start at 5:45 p.m. and bingo will start at 6:30 p.m. We will be playing 13 games of bingo at \$2 per game. Must be 18 years of age or older to play bingo. Must go coverall will pay back 85% of sales up to \$1,000. 556 SW 12th St. in Forest Lake.

Ham Lake, MN

Ham Lake Snowbowl! Feb. 11, Ham Lake Park. Family fun activities on the lake! Events include a snow sculpture contest, sleigh rides, medallion hunt, ice fishing contest, craft extravaganza, Pull-Tabs (no Bingo), helicopter rides, business expo, broomball tournament, vintage snowmobile expo & ride, dog pull competition and more! 1843 153rd Ave. NE, Ham Lake. For info call (763) 434-9555.

Hutchinson, MN

Community Bingo! Feb. 12, 2-3 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited to play community bingo at Ecumen Oaks & Pines! 25 cents per card, \$1 Coverall last game. Complementary coffee & cookies. Bingo is held the 2nd Sunday of each month, 2-3 p.m., Ecumen Pines dining room. For info call Melanie at (320) 234-0868.



Shirley won a lucky Winners Shirt at Ros- eville Bingo Hall.

Le Center, MN

3rd Annual SAL Kids Bingo! Sat., Feb. 25, 2:30-5 p.m. Bring the kids and grandkids! Join us for a family-friendly KIDS BINGO at the Le Center American Legion Post #108, 97 S. Park Ave. We'll kick the kids bingo off at 2:30 p.m. Great prizes will be awarded along with activities that teach children about America's patriotic symbols and customs! Kids that participate in bingo will recieve a free hot dog meal during the evening Steak Fry. Come for the fun, come for the bingo, stay for the Steak Fry! For more info call (507) 357-4787.

St. Paul, MN

Bingo at the Palace! West St. Paul Bingo Palace is located at 1675 Robert St. S. in Saint Paul. They can be contacted via phone

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Wabasha, MN

Grumpy Old Men Festival! Feb. 25. Ice fishing contest, ice shacks n' Plaid Parade, cribbage tournament, bingo, minnow races, Annual Grumpy Plunge and more! Fishing contest is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids. Wabasha, MN. For info call (651) 565-4158 or 800-565-4158.

Waseca, MN

The 67th Annual Waseca Sleigh & Cutter Festival! Jan. 27-Feb. 26 & March 25. The Waseca Sleigh and Cutter Festival is a fun escape from winter after the holidays are over. If you like horses, curling, ice sculptures, and parades, this event is for you. We have activities for all ages. Just a few of our events include a Frosty the Snowman contest, hockey, bridge Tournament, BINGO, Cribbage Tournament, Bean Bag Tournament, A dance, and a coloring contest, medallion hunt, family snowmobile rides, and much more! You can reach us directly at (507) 461-3727 (Ken) or (507) 995-9832 (Scott) for more info, or email ken.borgmann@gmail.com. 5603 NW 102nd Ave., Waseca.

■ Bugle Cruise News

More Than One Way to Play

In last month's issue of the Bingo Bugle, we introduced you to our latest World Bingo Champion— Evelyn Layman of Cave Junction, Oregon—who, at the age of 76, became a newlywed and made the 2015 World Championship Bingo Tournament & Gaming Cruise part of her honeymoon. It was Evelyn's 15th Bingo cruise and her new husband, Fred's, first.

"I really like [the Bingo Tournament Cruise]," Evelyn says. "Fred is also a Bingo fan but had never been on any kind of cruise and was a little anxious about the ship. But he agreed to go and ended up having a great time."

Fred enjoyed it so much that he agreed to go again in 2016. And it's a good thing he did. During the Tournament, Evelyn won two consecutive \$1,200 games and a three-way playoff that landed her an additional \$1,700, a trip for two on the 2017 cruise, and the title of World Bingo Champion. "It was super exciting," Evelyn says. "I was shaking like crazy!"

While the World Championship Bingo Tournament is the centerpiece of our annual cruise, it is far from the only gaming event players have the option

to enjoy. There's also the Bingo Bugle Blackjack, Texas Hold 'em Poker, and Sizzling Slots tournaments—all of which award thousands of dollars in additional prize money.

Billie Wheeler of Pendleton, Oregon, took top honors in this year's blackjack tournament.

With close to a dozen Bingo cruises under her belt, in recent years Billie has been playing in the blackjack and slots tournaments. "My favorite place to play is Chinook Winds Casino Resort (in Lincoln City, Oregon)," Billie says. "I decided it would be fun to do more than play just Bingo on the cruise, so I started signing up for blackjack and slots, too."

Billie says she's been pretty lucky over the years. "Altogether I think I've won Bingo pots around six times," she says. "A few years ago I also won in slots."

In 2016 she completed her trifecta by taking first place honors in blackjack. "All I remember is that in the final round I was playing cautious and at the end bet only what I knew it would take to win," she says, "which left me with money in case

the hand wasn't any good. And I got it."

There were plenty of other tournament winners as well.

Marie Ellsworth of Grass Lake, Michigan, won second place in the blackjack tournament, and Norma Krumpter of Prince George, Virginia, came in third.

Rhonda Reichen of Craig, Colorado, took first place in the Sizzling Slots tournament, followed by Betty Sharron Silveira of Anaheim, California, in second and Rebekah Arnold of Poplar Bluff, MO, in third.

The Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament winners were Linda Muse of Fort Worth, Texas, who came in first, followed by James Thomas of Miami, Florida, in second and Michael Cadle of The Villages, Florida, who finished third.

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Puzzle Solutions

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Bugle Sudoku

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Jumblers

Jumbles: COUP-PE TAKEN PACKET NORMAL
Answer: What the bartender did when the disagreement got heated — KEPT HIS COOL



Minnesota CASINO Highlights

Mystic Lake Casino Hotel

Live from the Mystic Showroom

Feb. 4 - Tesla (rock), 8 PM

Feb. 11 - Gladys Knight, 8 PM

Feb. 18 - Theresa Caputo (psychic medium), 8 PM

Feb. 24 - The Price Is Right (live stage show), 8 PM

Feb. 25 - The Price Is Right (live stage show), 4 PM & 8 PM

Feb. 26 - The Price Is Right (live stage show), 4 PM

March 17 - Huey Lewis & the News (rock 'n' roll), 8 PM

March 26 - Experience Hendrix, 8 PM

Box office: 952-496-6563, 952-445-9000 for Casino information

Treasure Island Resort & Casino

Live from the Island Events Center

Feb. 11 - RATT with special guest Great White, 8 PM

Feb. 17 - Cole Swindell (country), 8 PM

March 4 - 38 Special and Jamey Johnson, 8 PM

March 24 - Styxx, 8 PM

July 1 - Journey with special guest Asia, 8 PM (outdoor concert)

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Feb. 26 - Ronnie Milsap (country), 7 PM

March 24 - Chris Janson (country), 7 PM

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Feb. 17 - Starship (classic rock), 8 PM

Feb. 24 - Chris Janson (country), 8 PM

March 3 - Vince Neil (rock), 8 PM

March 10 - Tanya Tucker (country), 8 PM

March 24 - Kris Kristofferson (singer, songwriter, musician), 8 PM

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Poker Talk



WSOP Main Event

by Chad Holloway

The 2016 World Series of Poker Main Event recently concluded with 39-year-old Qui Nguyen, a native of Vietnam, topping a field of 6,737 players to win an \$8 million first-place prize.

On the final night of the tournament, which played out Nov. 1 and into the early hours of Nov. 2 at the Rio in Las Vegas and was broadcast live on ESPN, three players returned from the summer's earlier stages of the event to battle it out for the gold championship bracelet. Joining Nguyen were two-time WSOP bracelet winner Cliff "JohnnyBax" Josephy, 51, and Gordon Vayo, 27, the youngest player at the WSOP Main Event final table, which is commonly referred to as the "November Nine."

On just the fourth hand of the evening, one of the biggest pots of the entire tournament played out. With blinds at 600,000-1.2 million plus a 200,000 ante, Josephy, who was sitting with 102.7 million in chips, raised to 2.5 million from the button with 2s 2c. Vayo (92.9 million) called from the small blind with 3s 3d, Nguyen (141 million) three-bet to 7.7 million from the big blind, and both of his opponents called.

The flop came down 3c Kd 2s,

giving sets to both Josephy and Vayo. After Vayo checked, Nguyen continued for 9.9 million, and both of his opponents called to create a 53.4 million pot.

After the dealer burned and turned the 4d, Vayo checked for a second time, and Nguyen did the same. Josephy then bet 21 million, and Vayo check-raised all in for 75.1 million.

Nguyen quickly folded his hand, and with 149.5 million in the pot, Josephy had a big decision to make. He had 63.9 million behind, but it would cost him 54.1 million to make the call. While Vayo was the player at risk, Josephy was essentially making a decision for his tournament life, as he would be left with just 9.8 million if he called and lost.

Set-over-set hands are among the most brutal in all of poker. They almost always result in big pots, and while one player walks away happy, the other tends to be either decimated or eliminated.

In this particular hand, the experts were split on whether Josephy should have folded. Some have argued that pocket threes was the only hand that Vayo would be likely to have, so Josephy should have folded. Others have said that ditching a set was an impossible fold. Cases can be made for either decision, but there was no denying it was a grade-A "cooler" - being dealt a very strong hand only to run up against an even bigger one.

Josephy ended up calling and was left with crumbs after the 6d blanked on the river. He would go out in third place a short time later for \$3.4 million in winnings. (Vayo finished runner-up for \$4.6 million.) Had Josephy not been the victim of this gut-wrenching set-over-set hand, he could very well have won millions more.

Chad Holloway is a 2013 World Series of Poker bracelet winner and media director for the Mid-States Poker Tour. Follow him on Twitter: [@ChadAHolloway](https://twitter.com/ChadAHolloway).

Island Wings & Brew

Join us on March 11 at 5 p.m. in the Treasure Island Event Center for the ultimate craft beer and wing throw down. The area's top craft brewers and wing masters will be serving up tasty samples in mind-blowing flavor combinations that push the boundaries to win your vote in The Island's Choice Awards.

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Crystal Ball at Mystic Lake Feb. 18

Clairvoyants, entertainment and fortunetelling will highlight Crystal Ball—a free event at Mystic Lake Saturday, Feb. 18.

Guests will have the opportunity to engage with psychics, palm readers and tarot card readers. Terri Traen from KQRS will host the event from 6 to 8 p.m. Live entertainment will include a roving magician and local band Nightlights will perform on the Promenade Stage from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Theresa Caputo, TV's Long Island Medium, will be live in the Mystic Showroom Saturday, Feb. 18 and Sunday, Feb. 19. Tickets are still available for Sunday's show for \$45, \$75 and \$95.

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Bonus Poker

Bonus Poker is a popular video poker game. But not all Bonus Poker games are the same and it’s important that you know which ones are better.

Bonus Poker pays even money for a high pair, and 2 for 1 for two pair, which is similar to the payouts for Jacks or Better. The difference in these two games is the payout for quads. Unlike Jacks-or-Better, where all quads pay the same 25 coins per coin bet, with Bonus Poker you get paid 80 for 1 if you have quad aces, and 40 for 1 for quad 2s though 4s (the quad 5s through Ks pay the same amount as they do in Jacks-or-Better, namely 25 for 1).

Players like to play Bonus Poker because they enjoy getting more bonus payouts, which occurs when they get the quad aces and quad 2s through 4s. This

bonus payout will often quickly turn a losing playing session into a break-even or possibly a winning session, which is another reason players like Bonus Poker.

Unfortunately, the extra quad bonuses come at the expense of a lower payout for the full house and flush. With Jacks-or Better, the best payoff for the full house and flush is 9 coins and 6 coins respectively per coin played (known as 9/6 Jacks-or-Better). With Bonus Poker, you get short changed one coin on the full house and another on the flush, meaning the best Bonus Poker games pay 8/5. The expected return (ER) for an 8/5 Bonus Poker game is also slightly lower than

9/6 Jacks-or-Better (99.17% vs. 99.54%).

The following table summarizes the different pay schedules you will find in casinos that offer Bonus Poker. (The 8/5, 7/5, and 6/5 refers to the payout for full house and flush respectively).

Notice that you get more bang for your buck if you play only an 8/5 Bonus Poker machine rather than the short pay 7/5 and 6/5 versions.

Here’s another tip. Some casinos offer 8/5 Bonus Poker but two pair only pays even money instead of 2 for 1 (ouch!). This is a real rip-off so be sure you check the entire pay schedule to be certain it matches the above pay

schedule before you insert your cash and start playing.

IGT has a bonus game on their video poker machines that they call “Bonus Poker” even though all quads are paid the same amount (the best pay schedules pay 35 or 30 coins per coin played for quads) with the full house and flush paying 8/5. The EV for the 35/8/5 game is a respectable 99.66% (which is slightly higher than the above 80/40/25/8/5 Bonus Poker game). The EV for the 30/8/5 game is only 98.48%; therefore, check the payouts for the quads on any IGT Bonus Poker game before you play.

Bonus Poker Per Coin Pay Schedules			
Hand	8/5	7/5	6/5
Royal Flush	800	800	800
Straight Flush	50	50	50
4-of-Kind with Aces	80	80	80
4-of-Kind with 2s, 3s, 4s	40	40	40
4-of-Kind with 5s through Ks	25	25	25
Full House	8	7	6
Flush	5	5	5
Straight	4	4	4
3-of-Kind	3	3	3
Two Pair	2	2	2
Jacks-or-Better	1	1	1
ER	99.17%	98.01%	96.87%

Henry Tamburin is a blackjack and video poker expert. He is the author of the Ultimate Blackjack Strategy Guide (<http://www.888casino.com/blog/casino-guides/blackjack/>), editor of the Blackjack Insider e-Newsletter (www.bjinsider.com), lead instructor for the Golden Touch Blackjack course, and host of smartgaming.com. For a free three-month subscription to his blackjack newsletter, go to www.bjinsider.com/freetrial. To receive his free Casino Gambling Catalog, call 1-888-353-3234 or visit www.smartgaming.com.



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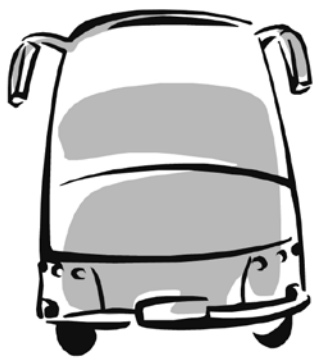
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A Near Perfect Place to Play

Now and then, in this column, I give a special compliment or endorsement to a Bingo hall. I don't do this very often; I don't want to sound as if I am becoming commercial. And, at this point, I must state again that I get nothing in return...no free games, no free lodging. So, you can see, I am completely unbiased. But, now and then I run across a place that really deserves a pat on the back.

One of these places is located in Phoenix, Arizona. It's called Reflections Bingo. It has apparently been at the same location for many years. And, if you look on the Internet, you'll find some glowing reviews of the place.

I found out about Reflections when I took my own advice. I have long been telling people that when they are out of town on business or on a vacation, they need to plan ahead and find a place where they can play Bingo while they are in that distant city. That's the way I found Reflections. I can safely say that I have found very few Bingo halls where the people are friendlier. Additionally, the smokers are completely separated and in a different room, behind glass.

It's a long night of Bingo, but there is an intermission. The hall has its own cafe with great food at good prices.

But, the award-winning aspect of the place is the staff. Now, I know it's tough to keep a smile when you are a runner or even a caller and things are getting hectic. But, the staff at Reflections afforded me one of the most relaxed atmospheres in which I have ever played our favorite game.

As in many independent Bingo halls, there are a lot of side games. In spite of that, this is one hall where the side games don't interfere with Bingo. The runners have the ability to take care of everything going on in the hall without being a distraction. You can't say that about every place. Remember the hall I talked about where there was so much going on in the hall that it was impossible to stay focused on Bingo? Well, it's not like that at Reflections in Phoenix.

Now, before you think I'm on their public relations staff, let me point out one downside to the place. Not everyone wins. And, I was among the non-winners. But, friends, I keep telling you that if you go a Bingo hall to win, you're going there for the wrong reason. You play to have fun, to meet people, to fill time, to keep your mind active. Write me at bobonbingo@earthlink.net.

What's New in Nevada

More Wynn Retail

Wynn Resorts Limited tells media that it is entering into a joint venture with the large-scale real estate firm Crown Acquisitions that would mean that Wynn would own and operate an additional shopping mall it is building along the Las Vegas Strip. According to published reports, Wynn says that the east coast real estate company (based in Manhattan) would hold a 49.9% stake at the future Wynn Plaza development. The area would sit adjacent to nearly 89-thousand square feet of retail space already in the hands of Wynn Las Vegas and its properties division.

Beano's to PT's Gold

The group PT Entertainment tells media it is converting the former Beano's Casino, a pub located on West Lake Mead Boulevard, into a PT's Gold facility. The property, near the intersection of West Lake Mead and busy US 95, has been dark for most of the year while renovations have

proceeded. The new facility will have about 6,000-square feet of gaming activities. The number of machines will be greatly expanded from the number found when the building was strictly a "pub."

Parking Fees Debated

More and more people are voicing their concerns about the number of casinos that are charging for parking. For decades, since the start of modern-day Las Vegas, only a few casinos, mostly in congested downtown blocks, charged for parking. Many tourists always remarked that one of the great things about going to Las Vegas was that you never had to pay to park. Well, in recent years, that has slowly started to change. And, according to one published commentary, much of the anger is not over the fees themselves, but over the way huge lines form at the checkout kiosks when major events are over. Traffic once flowed smoothly. At least eight casinos now charge for formerly free parking spots.



Romantic Dinner for Two

Dear Annie,

I would like to make a romantic dinner for my husband for Valentine's Day. It will be our 40th wedding anniversary. Can you make any suggestions? Also, he loves meat! Please keep most of the recipes simple! — **Rosemary J. in Boise, Idaho**

Dear Rosemary,

Congratulations on your upcoming anniversary. I would suggest a menu including shrimp cocktail; a fresh salad with sliced beefsteak tomatoes; filet mignon with either a bearnaise sauce (Knorr's packet) or a bottled steak sauce like A-1 (hide the bottle); fresh veggies such as asparagus, brussel sprouts or cauliflower; a twice-baked potato; and a fantastic dessert like an Ice Box Cake. Make the dessert the day before. —**Annie**

TWICE-BAKED POTATO

2 large Idaho potatoes, pre-baked
Whipping cream
Butter or margarine
Salt

Pepper
Paprika

Carefully slice the potatoes in half. Remove the pulp, leaving the skins as intact as possible. Mix the potato pulp in a medium size bowl and add the cream, butter, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly. Fill the four potato shells with the potato mixture. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake for 15 minutes at 350 degrees in a pre-heated oven. Serve immediately.

ICE BOX CAKE

2 packages Ladyfingers - separated (unfilled)
½ gallon ice cream- allow to thaw for 15-20 minutes (your choice of flavor)
3 bars German Sweet Chocolate
¼ cup sugar
3 eggs (beaten)
Whipped cream (aerosol can)
1 pint fresh strawberries (stems removed and sliced)
1 spring form cake pan

Line sides and bottom of spring form pan with the ladyfingers (leave curved side of pastry facing the pan). Fill any empty spaces with broken pieces. Add softened ice cream carefully to spring form. Place in freezer for at least 30 minutes. Melt 3 bars of German Sweet Chocolate in a double boiler. Remove from the heat. Add sugar and beaten eggs. Pour on top of the ice cream. Return to freezer for at least two hours or overnight. Serve with whipped cream and sliced strawberries. May use 1 or 2 flavors of ice cream.

Your comments and questions about cooking and entertaining will be addressed in this monthly column. Write to "Ask Annie" c/o Annie Ennis, 8312 SE 168th Trinity Place, The Villages, Florida 32162. So Ask Annie. Don't forget you can E-mail me at aennis@thevillages.net. And let's get cooking.



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 - 5 Like much 67-Down
 - 10 Bay of Bengal setting
 - 14 Extinct pigeon relative
 - 15 First name in puppetry
 - 16 ___ jar: lab glass
 - 17 Hold banned in amateur wrestling
 - 19 Take one’s leave
 - 20 Make sure of
 - 21 Stretched to the max
 - 23 Reggae cousin
 - 24 Premier League athlete
 - 28 Apply gently
 - 31 CBS-owned cable sta.
 - 32 Pond gunk
 - 33 Prefix with footprint
 - 34 Pulls down
 - 37 Winter pick-me-up?
 - 40 Innocents
 - 44 Mite-sized
 - 45 “Tut-tut!”
 - 46 Actress Tyler
 - 47 Important stretches
 - 50 Beef cut
 - 51 Maple syrup source
 - 52 Influential teams
 - 57 Louisville Slugger wood
 - 58 Comfy footwear
 - 59 Jewish scholar
 - 63 Swindle
 - 65 April golf tournament, four of whose winners appear in 17-, 24-, 40- and 52-Across
 - 68 Movie plantation
 - 69 Sea-born jewelry material
 - 70 “Right now!”
 - 71 Song and dance
 - 72 Urgency
 - 73 Snoopy

- DOWN**
- 1 Sharable digital docs
 - 2 Libertine
 - 3 Onetime Palin collaborator
 - 4 Feathers one’s nest, in a way
 - 5 Full of: Suff.
 - 6 Gp. with Sharks and Penguins
 - 7 Decorator’s asset
 - 8 Cheering like crazy
 - 9 Hangers in lockers?
 - 10 Justice Fortas
 - 11 Figures in 9-Down
 - 12 “Very nice!”
 - 13 A proposal may ultimately lead to one
 - 18 Lasso loops
 - 22 Dr. Mom’s forte milk
 - 25 Spiced tea brewed in
 - 26 Toe woes
 - 27 Mustang, for one
 - 28 Chapter 11 factor
 - 29 Berry in faddish supplements
 - 30 Star of a classic sitcom set at a Vermont inn
 - 35 Imprecise degree
 - 36 Like provolone piccante
 - 38 1998 Sarah McLachlan ballad
 - 39 Initial request for an answer?
 - 41 Bronte heroine
 - 42 German actor Jannings
 - 43 Some outdoor grills
 - 48 Slot machine part
 - 49 ___ tape
 - 52 Macaroni Grill selection
 - 53 Acting honor
 - 54 Golfer Lorena
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 - 56 “Paradise Lost” figure
 - 60 Spanish smooch
 - 61 Lingerie catalog buys
 - 62 Car trip game
 - 64 Some advanced degs.
 - 66 Floor pad
 - 67 Part of IPA

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JUMBLE

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

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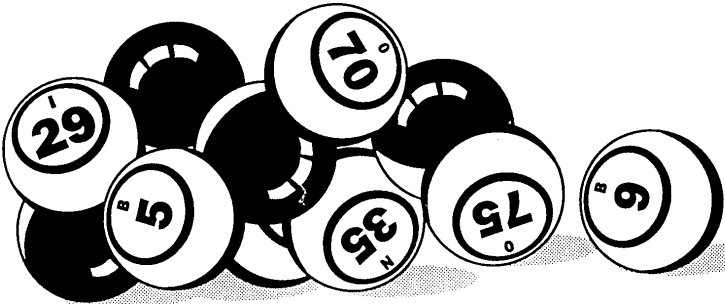
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: HIS



For puzzle solutions, see page 11.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 WILD WEDNESDAY -M+E-	2 BUCK NIGHT -E-	3 \$10 OFF COMBO PACKS -M- COSMIC -E-	4 COSMIC COUNTRY NIGHT
5 1/2 PRICE MATINEE SIDEBOARD -E-	6 MYSTERY BINGO -E-	7 \$10 TUESDAY -M-	8 WILD WEDNESDAY -M+E-	9 BINGO -M+E-	10 COSMIC -E-	11 \$35,000 VALENTINE BASH COSMIC -E-
12 SIDEBOARD -M+E-	13 BINGO -M+E-	14 BINGO -M+E-	15 WILD WEDNESDAY -M+E-	16 \$10 THURSDAY -M-	17 COSMIC -E-	18 COSMIC -E-
19 SIDEBOARD -M+E-	20 \$17,000 PRESIDENTS DAY MATINEE	21 BINGO -M+E-	22 WILD WEDNESDAY -M+E-	23 BINGO -M+E-	24 COSMIC -E-	25 COSMIC -E-
26 SIDEBOARD -M+E-	27 BONUS NIGHT -E-	28 BINGO -M+E-	MYSTERY Bingo MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 Payouts are 20X the winning number throughout the evening on regular session games!			

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