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n our last issue, we introduced you to the latest World Championship Bingo Tournament & Gaming Cruise champ: 91-year-old Ann Butler of Garden Grove, California.

During Tournament Cruise '17, Ann racked up \$3,000 in Bingo winnings, an additional \$5,000 as the top winner of the event, and also won passage for two on the 30th Annual World Championship Bingo Tournament & Gaming Cruise.

But Ann was far from the only winner in 2017. Dozens of other Bingo players won Bingo and pull-tab cash during the main tournament, scored big bucks gaming in the ship's casino, or participated in the World Championship Bingo Tournament & Gaming Cruise's Bingo Bugle Blackjack, Texas Hold 'em Poker, and Sizzling Slots tournaments all of which awarded thousands of dollars in additional prize money.

This year's Sizzling Slots champ is Lester Berghorn, 63, of Copenhagen, New York, who was traveling with his wife on the couple's sixth Bingo Tournament cruise.

"We enjoy cruises and every year go on one or two, sometimes more," Lester says. "The Bingo cruise is lots of fun, we always have a good time; you can tell the organizers work hard at it."

During the multi-round Sizzling Slots Tournament, Lester says he had "an extremely lucky machine" and ended the first round with a very high score. "The machine stayed lucky for me right on through, and by rounds three and four I knew nobody was gonna catch me," he says.

But people sure tried, like Robert Sylvester of Los Angeles, California, who came in second in the slots tournament, and Debra Burr of San Jose, California, who took third place honors.

Play was equally lively for the Bingo Bugle Blackjack Blackjack Tournament, where Lisa Sharp of Riverside, California, came in first, followed by Teresa Mendez of Fountain Hills, Arizona, in second and Albert DiBenedetto of Las Vegas, Nevada, who came in third.

Douglas Mullins of Hilmar, California was the top winner in the 2017 Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament, beating out Patrick Kellett of Camarillo, California, who wound up in second place, and Karen Caron of Aberdeen, Washington, in third.

This year marks the cruise's 30th anniversary, and the Bingo Bugle is celebrating it in style by offering an additional \$30,000 in cash prizes in 2018, the highest total payout in the trip's history.

Learn more about the next World Championship Bingo Tournament & Gaming Cruise by phoning the Bingo Bugle Cruise Hotline (888-352-2464) or visiting us online at <u>bingobugle.com/cruise</u>.







Minnesota Cruisers

Minnesotans enjoyed the 2017 Bingo Bugle World Championship Gaming Cruise! Top to bottom: Jeff Vanderveer of Little Canada won \$300; Shirley Bogdanich of Austin won \$1,200; and Carol Benz of LeCenter won \$1,200. Not pictured: Dareld Benz, also of LeCenter, won \$600.

first international sports betting operator to launch services in the Czech Republic. The company has been granted licensing by the Czech State Supervision of Gambling and Lotteries. It will now be possible for players to have access to nearly two dozen sports and specialized betting areas. **U.K.** No longer will bettors in the United Kingdom be allowed to use third-party proxies to wager on the outcome of the EuroMillions Lottery. The group SBC News reported that the announcement "came in a market update issued by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport...and is part of an ongoing effort to ensure that the transnational EuroMillions offers the same levels of protection as currently govern domestic lottery draws."



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Bingo Bugle Minnesota Edition P.O. Box 17297 St. Paul, MN 55117 email: bingomnnp@aol.com bingobuglemn.com **Connecticut**. Less than four months after announcing huge plans to build a two-thirds-ofa-billion-dollar gaming facility in Bridgeport, CT, one of the executives behind the push is trying to build political backing for the plan. According to published reports, the CEO of MGM Resorts, James Murren, told a regional council of business that he wants an overhaul of many decades-old agreements with tribal councils and thinks they should be rethought.

New Jersey. It is a case being closely watched by individual states that are interested in allowing more sports betting. The state of New Jersey has been baseball and other sports. If the national law is interpreted as unconstitutional, it would affect gaming in more than 30 states.

New York. New figures show that three of the newest casinos in upstate New York have failed to perform as promised. One report noted that, "slot machine revenues from the Finger Lakes, the Southern Tier and Schenectady have fallen short of the rosy revenue projections operators produced when applying for licenses. For instance, Rivers Casino & Resort in Schenectady had gambling revenues of \$105 million after nine months, putting it on track to finish short of its minimum \$181 million projection."

Czech Republic. The sports brand division of Europe's Stars Group, Bet Stars, has become the





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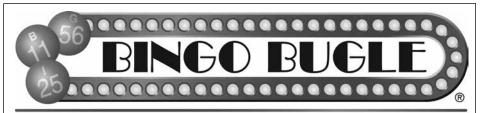
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Bingo News

England to Amsterdam with Bingo

P&O Ferries has joined forces with Mecca Bingo to offer a unique European mini-cruise gaming holiday. Travelers who want to try it may do so beginning in February when it launches for the first time. The voyage will be between Hull, England, and Amsterdam, leaving at 6 p.m. and arriving at 8 a.m. the following day. Guests can take part in the huge floating Bingo hall before spending a full day in the Dutch city and, after 12 hours, returning to the UK. Priced at £89 per person (\$120 US), Bingo fans will also be treated to other onboard entertainment as well as food and drink with cocktails for partygoers to enjoy.

Bingo Stars in Small Business Promo

Small Business Saturday Bingo was a coverall success in downtown Sioux City, Iowa, as part of the national campaign that promotes shopping locally. Twenty downtown businesses teamed up with the non-profit organization Downtown Partners to organize the game where participants carried Bingo cards and entered local stores to get a signature for a chance to win prizes. Participants who completed a standard fivein-a-row Bingo had their names entered into a drawing to win \$50 in Downtown Cash, redeemable at downtown establishments within the Downtown Partners district, as well as two tickets to each 2018 regular season Sioux City Bandits football game. Those who completed a coverall by filling in all the squares on their boards had a chance to win \$100 in Downtown Cash and four tickets to each regular season Bandits game. To get a signature, participants had to visit the stores and find a hidden cube or purchase an item. According to the U.S. Small Businesses Administration, Iowa's 266,382 small businesses account for 99.3

percent of all businesses in the state and employ nearly half of the state's private-sector workforce.

Sherriff's Office Uses Bingo for Arrests

The Sullivan County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office has launched a new tool to catch wanted suspects. "Busted Bingo" has debuted on social media and on the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office YouTube page. The tool works by having more than a dozen wanted individuals on a Bingo-style board. A number is drawn from a Bingo ball tumbler and that individual is scheduled to be served by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. The department is doing the game weekly until all wanted individuals have been captured. Check out the videos on YouTube by searching "Busted Bingo" on the site.

Town Welcomes Electronic Gaming

The Sterlington, Louisiana, Town Council has voted to repeal a 2007 prohibition of electronic charitable gaming so the town can benefit from the anticipated opening of a new video Bingo operation. The Town Council repealed the 2007 ordinance during a regular weekly meeting prior to voting on a second ordinance allowing electronic charitable gaming under certain conditions. Sterlington originally declined to allow video Bingo partly because electronic charitable gaming was new and not fully understood at the time. Council members were swayed to change the town's laws on the matter because the new video Bingo operation could also benefit charities associated with Sterlington's three public schools. One of the conditions supported by the Town Council included the allotment of 1.5% of all video Bingo revenues to Sterlington each month. Another condition pertained to the distance between the Bingo hall and any nearby churches or schools.

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Horoscopes for February 2018

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20):

Resistance, although annoying, is sometimes necessary to conquer if we want to reach new goals. Define what you want to take on this month—what obstacle to remove. You like challenges so use this period to bolster your know-how and then leap to the next level. New knowledge inspires you, so study up on the necessary data and facts required to fuel vour engine.

Lucky Days: 8 - 23 Lucky Numbers: 4 - 17

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21):

Time to bring new life to your relationships. The major theme this year is co-operation, not only with others but also with your creative spirit. Because you dislike disruptions and confrontations, find a way to maintain harmony in the home sphere. Give full attention to your artistic side. Hire an instructor or take a class if necessary-whatever will assist in bringing beauty to the world. Lucky Days: 12 - 25 Lucky Numbers: 14 - 52

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): No

one networks better than you, or can find ways to constantly engage in conversations and new projects.

But make time for a breather to relax and recharge your alwayshumming batteries. The world is asking you to assume a slower pace; it's trying to share a secret with you that multi-tasking is preventing you from hearing. Lucky Days: 8 - 17 Lucky Numbers: 6 - 48

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22):

Consider a redesign of your living space to match your plans for a more peaceful and balanced state of mind. With Saturn in your house of others you'll start to reconsider all of your relationship needs. Perhaps you'll deliberately spend more time alone, or maybe someone who is older possesses the qualities you've been looking for. Either way, it all starts when you organize the home front in a new way. Lucky Days: 19 - 30 Lucky Numbers: 22 - 41

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): People respect you for your sincerity. They also value your loyalty. This month you might take stock of your relationships and see if there is equanimity between yourself and those who crave your time and attention the most. Don't be afraid to walk away from partnerships that are a drain. There are plenty of other people in life who will value your integrity. Be discerning. Lucky Days: 23 - 29 Lucky Numbers: 5 - 30

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): The

world around you is in a frantic state; this could easily set off your delicate nervous system. February is all about discrimination. Make choices that support your wellbeing so you can do more of what you love: learning, sharing and assisting others to be the best that they can be. Mid-month finds you reflective and romantic. Thinking of calling an old love? Do it! Lucky Days: 6 - 26 Lucky Numbers: 8 - 59

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): Not every activity in life needs to

involve other people. The most social of signs, you're ready for a respite in the relating department. As Saturn moves into your house of the home, you've a strong pull to settle close to the hearth and, well, spend time alonemeditating, contemplating and daydreaming. But this need not be depressing. See it as a way to create relationships that are meaningful, the kind that reward and sustain.

Lucky Days: 8 - 18 Lucky Numbers: 44 - 56

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22):

Mars awakens your house of finances in February. This means putting work projects and budgeting front and center. Don't skimp on spending the time necessary to get your money affairs shipshape. You function best when you feel you have savings at your beck and call. Travel is on the calendar late in the month when you revisit one of your favorite destinations and discover why you feel in love with the place all over again. Lucky Days: 3 - 17 Lucky Numbers: 23 - 60

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC

21): Good news! Saturn has left your sign, not to return for another 28 years! The pressure is off, you're returning to form. Keep in mind these words from Papyrus: "No one keeps his enthusiasm automatically. Enthusiasm must be nourished with new actions, new aspirations, new efforts, new vision." It's essential that you celebrate this transition and move back into the world with optimism for the adventures that await you. Lucky Days: 9 - 13

Lucky Numbers: 23 - 26

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20):

With Jupiter in your house of friends and community, your efforts to improve your life should also improve the life of those around you. You've tremendous magnetism at this time, so take advantage by reaching out, networking and asking favors when necessary (or lending a supportive hand when its requested). It's all about cooperation right now, harmonizing with others makes all the difference.

Lucky Days: 11 - 29 Lucky Numbers: 12 - 46

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19):

Money symbolizes security and freedom and that's why it's on your mind a lot now. The chance of increasing your wealth is directly tied to how much risk you take with your creativity. You don't necessarily need money to make money, but you do need the kind of enthusiasm that will keep you on track as you move towards your goal. Rewards are given to the persistent.

Lucky Days: 18 - 29 Lucky Numbers: 6 - 12

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): "Be

not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help you create the fact." That's wisdom to take from William James. What kind of success does your belief conjure? That's the question to ponder this month. Of all the signs yours is the most closely aligned with the blessings rewarded to the faithful. Believe in yourself and your ability to believe. It's magic! Lucky Days: 5 - 30 Lucky Numbers: 45 – 54

Dear Dream Guy

A New Voice

Dear Dream Guy,

Recently I woke up from a disturbing dream that stayed with me all of the following day. I'm hoping you can help me make sense of this. I dreamt that I was

sounds you made, this might indicate that you are not willing to present something familiar or common when it comes to your creative expression. You're trying to offer something unique. Circles or circle formations in dreams are an ancient emblem of wholeness. It is said there is nothing more perfect in the geometry of life than a circle. So this dream tells me that as you try to find fresh ways to express yourself, ways that are perhaps groundbreaking, you will also become more centered, more in harmony with the world around. Your dream is one to celebrate, not be embarrassed about! - Dream Guy

Dear Tina,

Bette Midler once said that if she ever had the chance to meet the Queen of England the first thing she was going to ask her was: "What's in that purse?" Purses contain not just valuables, but private mysteries related to identity, the image one has of herself. When an "accident" happens to a purse, damage or theft, that event can mark a turning point where the owner of the purse begins an assessment of what is valuable and important in her lifeand what is not. Because makeup was involved, a substance that we usually use to conceal as well as beautify, the dream could be saying that full exposure is necessary to accomplish the edits and changes you desire. The dream is preparing you to speak your truth, without embellishments or ambiguity. -**Dream Guy**



in a forest on a sunny afternoon and I was sitting with a group of women in a circle. Each of us was required to share either a song or a poem as we went around the circle. But when it was my turn and I tried to speak the only thing that came out of my mouth were weird sounds, sounds that didn't even resemble a language. I felt so embarrassed because everyone was staring at me. — Marsha T., Long Beach, CA

Dear Marsha,

Here's a secret about all dreams. Events that would embarrass us in waking life, like, say, appearing naked in a room full of people at a party, do not mean the same thing within the symbolic world of dreams. For instance, your inability to share with the other women in this dream because of the strange

Dear Dream Guy,

Well, here is a short and strange dream for you Dream Guy. I'm not sure what to make of this. In the dream I was walking around town with my purse, and when I went to pull something out of my bag I noticed that liquid makeup foundation had spilled out all over the bottom of the purse and made a big mess. — Tina R., Chicago, Illinois

Send your dreams to Dream Guy at P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070. Not all dreams are published.

1. Scorcher 2. Cow-quaker 3. Moor-gallop 4. Northern nanny 5. Cat's nose 6. Ban-gull 7. Mizzle 8. Hurly-burley 9. Lumps of rain 10. Lambing storm Source: BBC

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By Guy Williams

Hey, Big Spender

Hi Guy,

There are a number of "big spender" Bingo players in my area who visit different Bingo halls and are famous for dropping \$50, \$75, \$100 or more practically every time they play. They are not all friends and do not all play together, but everyone knows who they are because of their behavior and attitude and how they think they "run the show" because they spend so much on Bingo.

I have stood in line and watched as these high-spender people are permitted to flip through the packs and choose whichever ones they want. (Would love to know what they see in some packs and don't see in others!) I've also sat by and watched them treat the workers like servants and have them run and get them new daubers or snacks from the kitchen.

They also have their special seating areas where they spread out their belongings and Bingo

FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENTS



paper and make it look like others are sitting there so that they can hog an entire table. And they are unfriendly and antisocial like you wouldn't believe-like this is their professional job and they cannot be disturbed.

It is perplexing. Where is the joy in this? OK, good for them, they spend 3-4 times as much money on Bingo as the rest of us. Must be they can afford it: they show up night after night after night and lay out their cash like everybody else. (And SO MUCH cash!)

But truthfully, it is not about the money they spend. It is about the rude behavior...like, "We spend more, we're better than you, and we deserve better service."

It is kind of surprising that the Bingo staff put up with it. Who wants to volunteer to be some diva's servant? But the workers and the people in charge don't do a single thing about the behavior and as a result probably make it worse.

Have you seen players like this? Does it bother you? Let me assure you that I am not exaggerating. Some players are really like this. — Fed Up in California

Hi Fed Up,

I have definitely seen these types of players in my rounds at the Bingo halls, and I'm confident there are people reading your letter right now who are nodding their heads in agreement.

Frankly, these types of players don't phase me much; they aren't hurting anyone beyond being annoying, and apparently it makes them feel important to be Bingo big shots.

Not long after receiving your letter, I posed the question to a couple of Bingo hall managers. Were they troubled by the behavior of high-maintenance players who spend a lot of money at Bingo and expect special treatment? Almost all them said that as long as these players were not being disruptive, the answer was, no.

As they explained it, first off, there are only a handful of such players. Secondly, the hundreds of dollars they spend means hundreds of dollars more for the charities and activities Bingo helps fund. (Apparently there is also a friendly rivalry between Bingo halls for players, and if a manager takes issue with a big spender they risk all that money going elsewhere.)

Be aware that not all the Bingo bosses felt this way. Two of the managers I asked said that under no circumstances does any player get better treatment than another—no matter how much money they spend. One of them put it like this: "Why bend over backward for someone spending \$100 if it is going to alienate 10 players spending \$25?" Good point. — Guy

Hey guys! (And gals!) Write to: Guy's Turn c/o The Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 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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under Decision Ready Claims. The new group will include surviving spouses, certain veterans and some service members.

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including age, dates and length of marriage, children from the marriage and much more. You don't want to get any of this wrong, so you'll also need a VSO to manage the parts and pieces of your claim.

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Lodged Balls and Blower Bugs

Aunt Bingo:

There have been a few frustrating situations at Bingo recently that I tried to ignore at first but now think need to be addressed.

There seems to be a carelessness in how some Bingo halls are operating these days and I feel that it is spoiling what is otherwise an enjoyable game.

What triggered me to write to you about it was an experience I, and a large number of others, had when toward the end of the second Bingo session of the night it was discovered that there were duplicate balls in the blower. That meant that anyone playing who had the duplicate numbers had unfair/increased odds of winning over players who did not have those numbers. Plus, how in the world did the extra balls get in there? And had they been there for weeks? Months? Longer?

Another time, at a different hall, operators had to be told several times that balls were getting lodged and not falling into the mixing area. (It seemed to be some kind of blower malfunction where the air was pinning some of the Bingo balls and not letting them tumble with the rest.) I began to wonder: Has this been going on for a while but only now has someone noticed and spoken up? They "solved" the problem by turning the blower off and on, but the problem kept repeating. Needless to say, the audience was not happy with this nonsense.

I also should bring up the oldest complaint of all—the fact that at many games, certain numbers come out of the chute early and regularly and get called all the time, while others seem to be rare as hen's teeth. I am guessing that the balls need to be cleaned and aren't, or they are just old/damaged which is causing them to not behave in a uniform way. Whatever the reason, I have watched people in line trying to "select" their Bingo paper and increase their odds by doing a quick scan of the numbers on the sheets, especially if they see that the seller is a friend or someone new.

Obviously, this is not something that Bingo regulations

can control; it is up to the Bingo operators to pay attention to such issues and fix problems when they occur. More importantly, Bingo operators need to care about their customers and how the games are run, so that they remain enjoyable and fair for everybody. — **Critical in California**

Dear Critical:

You certainly have been having a rough time at Bingo lately!

The duplicate balls is a stunner: I can only imagine that the extra ones got in there while the Bingo hall was trying to do a GOOD thing—replace an old set of balls with a new one.

Regardless of how it happened, try and keep in mind that the error was not intentional, it was discovered and corrected, and likely had no significant impact on the games that night. (Although I'm sure if I'd been one of the players in the room that night, I'd have been as steamed as everyone else.)

Multiple balls getting hung up in the blower due to some kind of malfunction is more serious. Now you have numbers that are basically being taken out of play and not permitted to mix with the other balls or drawn up the chute for the caller to retrieve. On the plus side, switching the blower on and off to keep all the balls moving was a smart temporary fix. But I hope the console was taken to the shop for corrective action ASAP.

Had an individual ball been hung up or gone missing, now that's whole other story. I remember a game I attended years ago where it was discovered that a ball had somehow gotten wedged into the corner of the mixer and no one was sure how long it had been stuck there. When it was revealed what the number was, there was an uproar from every player in the room who had that number on their Bingo paper.

It was a real mess. The manager ended up refunding the money to everyone who had the number which was just about everybody. Meanwhile, every person who'd Bingoed politely said they were fine with it and bolted from the hall as fast as their feet would carry them. —Aunt Bingo

Share your views! Write to Aunt Bingo c/o the Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or email her at <u>STENGL456@aol.com</u>. 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.



BINGO BUGLE MONTHLY CONTEST



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 he disqualified We look forward to your entry(s) every month and appreciate your continued readership. Good Luck!

Monthly Winners to Date:

September: Sandy Furrer, Mystic Lake Casino Bingo; Geri Campanano, Roseville Bingo Hall; Jane Kane, Northstar Saints Bingo Hall; Myrtle Strom, Pot O' Gold Bingo. October: Betty Gustafston, Northstar Saints Bingo; Richard Wojtanowitz, Granite City Bingo; Shannon Crow, Little Canada Bingo Hall; Dana Breska, Treasure Island Bingo; Christine Waltz, West St. Paul Bingo Palace. November: Beverly Hagen, Roseville Bingo Hall; Chris Simons, Mystic Lake Casino Bingo; Peggy Schuna, North St. Paul VFW; Joyce Jonen, Pot O' Gold Bingo. December: Robin Stiles. Little Canada Market Place Bingo; Darrell Roberts, Treasure Island Bingo; Jody Johnson, Granite City Bingo Hall; Rhonda Demby, Pot O' Gold Bingo: Joanne Lavagne, West St. Paul Bingo Palace. January: Jeanne Cota, Northstar Saints Bingo Hall; Naomi Ervin, Mystic Lake Casino Bingo; Collette Kern, Marian KC Bingo; Gary Henning, West St. Paul Bingo Palace.

	CASH - Only one entry per bingo location per month
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	Address, State, Zip City, At what Bingo hall did you deposit the entry form:
	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.

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 (651) 600-9019.

February Winners

Greg Galloway......\$25, Pot O' Gold Bingo Hall Carol Prestidge......\$25, Buffalo American Legion Richard Lang......\$25, Northstar Saints Bingo Hall Jenny Poeschl......\$25, Roseville Bingo Hall

PLEASE READ CONTEST RULES BEFORE DEPOSITING YOUR ENTRY. WE DON'T LIKE TO DISQUALIFY ENTRIES.

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(651) 697-1090

Matinee 1 & 3 PM★

5862 Omaha Ave. N.

Evening 7 & 9 PMD

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(651) 439-2444

Evening 7 PM

(651) 450-9714

Evening 7 PM

Stillwater

Evening EB 6:30,

Evening 7:15 PM

Little Canada Market Place

2900 Rice St., Little Canada

1114 W. American Blvd.

Snelling Ave. & Cty. Rd. E

Evening 7:15 & 9:15 PMD

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Early Session 10 AM★

SUNDAY

Buffalo American Legion (763) 682-2262 304 10th Ave. S., Buffalo Matinee 2 PM★

Little Canada Market Place (651) 483-1203 2900 Rice St., Little Canada

Evening 7:15 & 9:15 PMD Marian KC Hall (952) 888-1492 1114 W. American Blvd. Bloomington Evening EB 6:30, Reg 7 PM▶

Northstar Saints Bingo (952) 888-9312 311 W. 84th St. Bloomington Matinee 1 PM★ Evening 7 PM Pot O' Gold (651) 631-1318 Snelling Ave. & Cty. Rd. E St. Paul Matinee 2 PM★ Evening 7:15 & 9:15 PMD **Roseville Bingo**

(651) 697-1090 2525 N. Snelling, Roseville Matinee 1 & 3 PM★ Evening 7 & 9 PM Late Night 11 PMD West St. Paul Bingo Palace (651) 450-9714 1675 S. Robert St., St. Paul Matinee 2 PM★

Evening 7 PM



TUESDAY

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

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WEDNESDAY

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FRIDAY

Bayport Legion Post 491 (651) 491-2418 263 N. 3rd St., Bayport Evening 7:15 PMD

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SATURDAY

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Lucky Lotto News

Lotto Luck Strikes Twice... Twice

Two women recently won big bucks on not one, but two, lottery scratchers in the same day. Veronica Buchanan of Florissant, Missouri, and Michelle Shuffler of Granite Falls, North Carolina, were the lucky duo; Buchanan won \$101,000 and Shuffler, \$1.01 million. Buchanan bought a \$10 Monopoly scratch-off ticket at a gas station and won \$1,000. Later that day she returned and bought a \$10 Fortune ticket and walked away with \$100,000 more! Shuffler bought her first ticket—a Million Dollar Fever scratch-off—with her husband when they stopped at a gas station in Lenoir, North Carolina. She discovered she had won \$10,000 and the two were shocked. They traveled 22 miles down the road and decided to stop at a convenience store near their home in Granite Falls and bought another ticket. "We saw that the game had a million dollar prize," Shuffler said. "So we decided, 'Why not try to beat the odds again?" It was a smart move: She uncovered a \$1 million winner.

Ticket Thief Chased Down by Plow

A 26-year-old man accused of stealing \$122 in lottery tickets was arrested after being chased by a store employee in a plow truck. According to law enforcement, the incident began when the suspect walked into a store in Michigan and asked for \$122 in lottery tickets. After he received the tickets, he handed over an old lottery ticket and ran from the store. The employee found the ticket turned in was not a winning ticket, and proceeded to chase the man down the street in his plow truck. The suspect was struck by the plow, causing him to fall into a ditch. The suspect got up and tried to flee, but was tackled by the employee, who held the suspect down until deputies arrived on scene.

Gaming Tech Company Honored

Scientific Games Corporation-a leading developer of technologybased products and services and associated content for worldwide gaming, lottery and interactive markets—announced that its \$5 DC-7s game, created for the Washington, D.C. Lottery, received an Innovation Award for "Best New Instant Game" at the 2017 North American State and Provincial Lotteries Association's annual conference in Portland, Oregon. In addition, the \$100 Ultime game designed by Loto-Québec and Scientific Games was one of the two finalists for "Best New Instant Game" of 2017.





Akeley, MN

Bingo! Hubbard Akeley VFW, Monday, Feb. 12. Come and enjoy a night of bingo. Starts at 7:00 p.m. Drinks and fun will be provided. 31075 State 34, Akeley.

Chaska, MN

Healthy Heart Bingo! Feb. 1-22. During the month of February, do something good for your heart and play Healthy Heart BINGO! You will increase exercise frequency, perform healthy nutritional habits and increase stress-reducing activities. All participants will receive a Bingo card with activities. Complete the Bingo card by February 28 to get an AMAZING prize. \$5.00 registration. 55+. Chase Parks & Recreation, 1661 Park Ridge Dr., Chaska.

Cold Spring, MN **Bingo - The Winning Musical,**

Feb. 9. 10. 11. 15. 16. 17. 18. Great Northern Theater Company. In this fun and heartwarming musical a group of die-hard bingo players stop at nothing to avoid missing their weekly game. These lovable characters spring to life with a smart, funny script and bouncy, hummable score. Audiences will be laughing in the aisles when they aren't playing games of bingo along with the cast! Order tickets online or call (320) 241-GNTC (4682). Great Blue Heron Restaurant, 305 5th Ave. S., Cold Spring.

Cross Lake, MN

Winterfest! Feb. 1-3. Bundle up the family and bring them to Crosslake for our 15th annual WinterFest celebration! Enjoy many good ol' fashoned family friendly activities on Friday and Saturday! The whole family can take part in outdoor games, roasting s'mores, sipping hot cocoa and enjoying a fantastic fireworks display! Ice car racing,

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Carrie won the Blue Coverall at Roseville Bingo Hall.

bocce ball tournament, helicopter rides, radar runs, Bar Bingo, Italian olympics, kids games, shopping, food and drink specials all over town plus the 15th Annual SoupFest. For info call (800) 450-2838 or (218) 692-4027.

Detroit Lakes, MN

Polar Fest! Feb. 8-19. No BINGO - but still — ten days packed with events to celebrate winter! Come see the Ice Palace built during the Detroit Lakes Ice Harvest and Palace Festival, with over 1500 blocks of ice and illuminated each night! Polar Fest has over 30 events including the Poles 'N Holes Fishing Derby, the Polar Fest Plunge into Detroit Lake, the Freeze Your Buns 5K and spectacular frozen fireworks at the beach! For info call (218) 847-9202 or visit <u>www.polarfestdl.com</u>.

Ely, MN

Bingo! Feb. 14. Join Ely area Seniors for Bingo each Wednesday. Cost is ten cents per card. Ely's Senior Center, 27 S. First Ave. E., Ely.

Fergus Falls, MN Frostbite Festival in Fergus

Falls! Feb. 2-4. Celebrate winter with fun, family-friendly activities throughout Fergus Falls. Ice skating, Bingo, comedy, pancake breakfast, music, High School sports, dart tournament, Chamber's Battle of the **Businesses Bowling Tournament**, Sertoma Ice Fishing Derby and SuperBowl parties. For more info call (218 736-6951.



Judith Hauschild won the \$1,000 Bonanza at West St. Paul Bingo Palace.

available 5-8 p.m. 80% payout final game will be progressive cover-all.

Ham Lake, MN

Ham Lake Snow Bowl! Feb. 10. Join us for the winter festival that showcases Minnesota fun: Broomball tournament, snow sculpting, ice fishing contest, dog pull, fat tire bike race, vendor expo, food and beverages, contests and more. 1843 153rd Ave. N.E., Ham Lake (1/4 mile east off Highway 65 on 153rd Ave. in Ham Lake). For more info call (763) 434-3011.

Little Falls, MN

Beat the Winter Blahs Bingo! Feb. 18, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church basement, 208 W. Broadway, Little Falls. Beat the Winter Blahs by taking part in this bingo fundraiser benefitting the Mary of Lourdes 7th and 8th grade educational trip to Washington D.C.

Rosemount, MN

Lularue Bingo! Feb. 3, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Round up all your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors for a fun evening out! Our bingo events are fundraisers for various causes; this month will benefit Sky Oaks Elementary School in Burnsville. Must be 18 to play bingo. Celts Irish Pub & Grill, 14506 South Robert Trail, Rosemount.

begins at noon. The cost is \$7 for lunch, paid in advance. \$1 for each bingo card. Register by Feb. 12 by calling (651) 298-5493.

Northfield, MN

Bingo at Carbone's Feb. 12, 7:00 p.m., 620 Water Street S., Northfield.

Nisswa, MN

Bingo At the Nisswa American

Legion Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Nisswa American Legion, downtown Nisswa on Main Street (north end just past Carlson Hardware. For info call (218) 963-9946.

Prior Lake, MN

Mystic Lake Casino BIG GAME PARTY, Sunday, Feb. 4. Doors open at 5 p.m., Kickoff at 5:30 p.m. Dakota Ballroom, free admission, 18+. We've got your Big Game

day game plan! Catch every play on a giant screen at this Super Sunday shindig featuring football giveaways and special guests. Game on!

Wabasha, MN

25th Annual Grumpy Old Men Festival! Feb. 23-24. "Grumpy Old Men" movie showing, live music, beer tent, food vendors, ice bar, Ragetti's spaghetti feed, ice fishing contest, Ice Shacks n' Plaid Parade, cribbage tournament, and BINGO Feb. 24 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the St. Felix Gym. Texas Hold'em tournament, minnow races, 10th Annual Grumpy Plunge and more. For info call (651) 565-4158 or (800) 565-4158.

Waseca, MN

68th Annual Sleigh & Cutter Festival! Jan. 27-Mar. 10. The Waseca Sleigh & 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. Frosty the Snowman contest, hockey, BINGO, bridge, meat raffle, a dance, a coloring contest, and more. 5603 N.W. 102nd Ave., Waseca. For info call (507) 461-3727 (Ken) or (507) 995 9832 (Scott) or e-mail <u>ken.borgmann@</u>

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Jumblers

Jumbles: GRUNT OPERA UNJUST ENGULF Answer: When he asked her if she wanted a new mink coat, she said — "FUR" SURE

Glencoe, MN

Grand Meadows Community

Bingo! Feb. 11 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. 25¢ per game/per card. 1420 Prairie Ave., Glencoe. For info call Emily VonBerge (320) 864-5577.

Grand Rapids, MN BINGO at the Moose Lodge, Every Tuesday, open to the public. 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Moose Lodge 2023, 330 NE 10th Ave. in Grand

Rapids. Packet sales start at 6:30 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Food

St. Paul, MN

Can Can Wonderland Bingo!

Sundays, noon-2:00 p.m. and Feb. 4 for Bingo Lunch. It's cold outside, and we love games - and what better game than BINGO! Come in from the cold, enjoy some delicious pizza and drinks, and let's play bingo. \$1 per sheet per game and \$2 for the coverall game. 755 Prior Ave. N., Ste.# 004, St. Paul. For more info call (651) 925-2261.

Lunch n' Bingo! Feb. 15, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monthly, Keystone's Senior Program offers a lunch and bingo program. Join your neighbors at the West 7th Community Center for a meal and an afternoon of bingo. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and bingo

<u>gman.com.</u>

Welch, MN

Treasure Island Resort & Casino

Whether you already have your ticket to the Big Game and need a place to stay or want to join in the Super Bowl action, Treasure Island Resort & Casino offers a luxurious stay away from the crowds in Minneapolis with just as much entertainment. Located an hour away from the Twin Cities, guests will find an abundance of amenities and entertainment at the resort. From the amenityfilled bedrooms and suites to on-site fitness center, spa, water park, and more, visitors will feel like they are on a Caribbean escape, even in the middle of the Minnesota winter. Treasure Island makes guests feel like it is game day every day.



Minnesota CASINO Highlights **Mystic Lake Casino Hotel**

Live from the Minnetonka Ballroom March 2 - LFA 34 (mixed martial arts), 5:00 PM Live from the Mystic Showroom Feb. 1 - The Chain Smokers (indie pop/hip hop), 9 PM Feb. 2 - Ellie Goulding & KYGO (indie pop/hip hop), 9 PM Feb. 3 - Florida Georgia Line (country), 10 PM Feb. 4 - Gwen Stefani, 9 PM Feb. 9 - The Price Is Right!, 8 PM Feb. 10 - The Price Is Right!, 4 PM & 8 PM Feb. 11 - The Price Is Right!, 4 PM Feb. 16 - The Commodores. 8 PM Feb. 18 - Neu Xuan Nay Van Anh, 8 PM Feb. 25 - Rick Springfield (pop rock), 8 PM March 16 - CMT Next Women of Country presents Sara Evans, Raelynn and Kalie Shorr, 8 PM March 25 - KANSAS (classic rock), 8 PM March 30 - Sammy Hagar, 8 PM March 31 - Paul Zerdin & Piff The Magic Dragon, 8 PM Box office: 952-496-6563, 952-445-9000 for Casino information

Treasure Island Resort & Casino

Live from the Island Events Center Feb. 17-18 - Gary Allen (country), 8 PM March 3 - Theresa Caputo (psychic), 8 PM - SOLD OUT March 17 - Jake Owen (country), 8 PM March 18 - Earth, Wind & Fire, 7 PM April 8 - Foreigner (classic rock), 7 PM April 14 - Daughtry (rock 'n' roll), 8 PM April 21 - Bill Maher (comedian), 8 PM April 28 - Charlie Pride (country), 8 PM May 5, 2018 - Loretta Lynn (country), 8 PM - CANCELLED Call 1-800-222-7077 for Casino, or 1-800-745-3000 Ticketmaster.

Black Bear Casino

Live from the Otter Creek Events Center Feb. 9 - Thompson Square (country), 7 PM March 30 - Rock the Otter! Brett Michaels (with special guests Dokken, Lita Ford & FireHouse), 7 PM - SOLD OUT www.blackbearcasinoresort.com Located at the intersection of I-35 and Hwy. 210 in Carlton, Minnesota, 20 minutes south of Duluth and approximately two hours north of the Twin Cities. Phone: (218) 878-BEAR (2327) Toll Free: 1-888-771-0777 (US & Canada)



Metro Area Casino Buses

Free Bus to Mystic Lake Casino: 1-888-8FreeRide mysticlake.com for a time and schedule near you.

Free Bus to **Treasure Island Resort** and Casino: 1-800-222-7077, ext. 2594 for a time and schedule near you.



Yanni Coming to Mystic Lake July 1

World-renowned composer Yanni will take the Mystic Showroom stage at 8 pm Sunday, July 1.

Yanni has announced he will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of "Live At The Acropolis" with a world tour that will launch this spring in the United States. The maestro will kick off the "Yanni 25 - Live At The Acropolis Anniversary Concert Tour" on April 23, 2018 at the King Center in Melbourne, FL. The tour will keep him on the road through the summer, hitting cities across North America including Atlanta, Charlotte, Philadelphia, Cleveland, New York, Chicago, Montreal, Toronto, Los Angeles and more. Additional concerts will be added shortly.

A deluxe package of completely remastered 5.1 sound and high definition video of "Live At The Acropolis " will be released in 2018 to commemorate this anniversary.

Live at the Acropolis was released in 1994 and is the first ever live album and concert video from the maestro. It became an incredible success and is the second best selling music video of all time.

Yanni has been awarded more than 40 platinum and gold albums worldwide and has sold more than 25 million albums around the world. His most recent albums have seen chart-topping success.



Northern Lights Casino

Live from the North Star Hall March 2 - Rez Comedy Night (free admission), 7 PM March 3 - Aaron Lewis (country), 7 PM March 22 - John Conlee (country), 7 PM March 23 - Purple Xperience (Prince tribute), 7 PM April 6 - Air Supply, 7 PM Call 877-LIGHTS-9 FOR TICKETS! Or buy tickets online! Receive \$5 Slot Play Coupon with each ticket purchase.

Shooting Star Casino

Live from the Events Center Feb. 9 - Chris Hawkey (country), 8 PM Feb. 10 - MMA - NoMercy VII (mixed martial arts), 5 PM Feb. 16 - Night Ranger (classic rock), 8 PM Feb. 23 - Joe Nichols (country), 8 PM March 16 - Jake Owen (country), 8 PM March 23 - Survivor (legendary rock band), 8 PM For ticket info, call 1-800-313-7469.



For up-to-date bingo Information, call the bingo hotline at: 1(888)777-5668, extention #2653

Mystic Lake Bingo MATINEES

Monday - Friday 12:45 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. (Early Birds) Saturday and Sunday Early Birds 1:00 p.m. Warmups 1:30 p.m. Regular Session 2:30 p.m. EVENING Every day Early Birds 7:00 p.m. Warmups 7:30 p.m. Regular Session 8:00 p.m.

For current bingo information and weather related inquiries, please call our bingo hotline at 952-496-7272



Are Video Poker Machines Rigged?

Many players, especially those that play slots, have an uneasy feeling about playing video poker machines. They believe that casinos can somehow rig the cards in a video poker machine to make it harder to get a winning hand. If you believe that casinos can do this, you definitely need to read what I'm about to say about this.

First, let me ask you this question. If we were to play a game of video poker on a kitchen table with a deck of playing cards, how would we do it so that the game is honest? Suppose you make a bet and I take a standard 52-card deck, shuffle them, and then randomly select five cards from the shuffled deck and place them face up on

the table. While you are looking at your five-card hand to determine which cards you want to hold, I'll continue to shuffle the remaining 47 cards. Lets suppose you tell me that you want to hold the first three cards in your hand. I would remove the two cards in your hand that you want to discard and place them aside, stop shuffling, and give you the top card from the 47-card shuffled deck and place it face up in position four in your hand and the next card would be face up in position five in your hand. The hand is over. If your five-card hand contains a pair of jacks or higher, I'd pay you an amount based upon a pay schedule of winning hands that I would have shown you before we started playing the game. After I paid you (assuming you had a winning hand), I would collect all the cards, put them in one 52-card stack, and start shuffling them again for the next hand.

I think you would agree that the above procedure results in a fair game because each card in the deck has the same probability of being picked. Furthermore, if you discarded, say, a two of clubs, there is no way for you to get the two of clubs again on the subsequent draw. In other words, I haven't rigged the game in any way.

The way I dealt the cards above is exactly the way the cards are shuffled and dealt in a video poker machine in a casino. In order to emulate the procedure I used above, video poker machines have a computer chip that is programmed to simulate the process of shuffling a standard deck of 52-virtual cards, and then randomly select the cards for each hand so that each card has the same probability of being selected. (For techno geeks reading this, video poker machines have a random number generator program on the computer chip that does all this.) The computer chips that are in the video poker machines are tested and certified by an independent testing lab to be certain they will do exactly what I described above. Furthermore, state gaming regulations mandate that the programs in video poker machines must operate per the above, and if they don't, a casino can be fined, or worse, lose their gaming license.

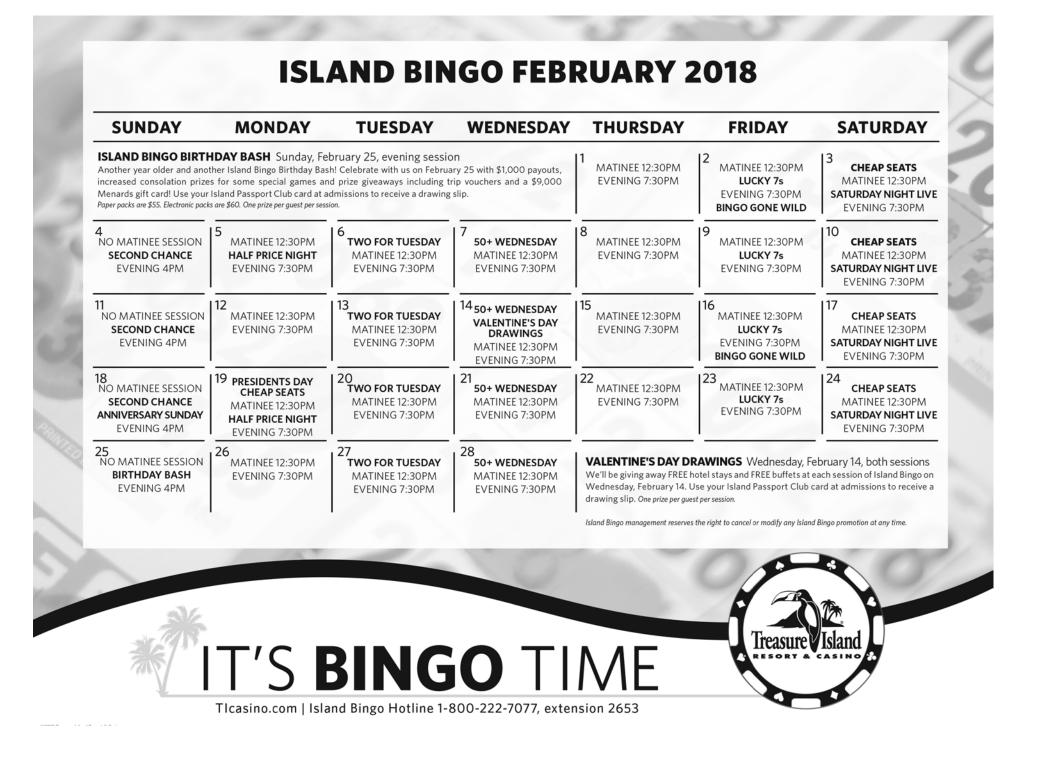
Here's another fact about video poker machines that is important to understand. The odds of getting any of the winning hands in a video poker game can be calculated with great accuracy since every card must have the same probability of being selected. This means you have the same chance of getting a royal flush in a Jacks or Better machine in casino A as you do casino B, or C, or any casino located anywhere on this planet. Since a casino can't change the odds of getting the winning hands in video poker, the only way they can change the return on their video poker machines is to change the payoffs on winning hands. (That is why it is important that you look at the pay table on a video poker machine for a particular game before you play it.)

The bottom line is that you can rest assured that video poker games in major gaming jurisdictions are not rigged. NOTE: Video Poker machines in casinos on some Indian reservations and in states that use Video Lottery Terminals work differently. The result of a video poker hand on these machines is predetermined based on either a bingo game or a lottery. The playing decisions you make on these video poker machines after the initial draw have no bearing on whether the hand wins or loses.

Henry Tamburin, Ph.D. is the author of the Ultimate Blackjack Strategy Guide, editor of the Blackjack Insider e-Newsletter (www.bjinsider.com), lead instructor for the Golden Touch Blackjack and Video Poker courses, and host of <u>smartgaming.com</u>. To receive his free Casino Gambling Catalog, call 1-888-353-3234 or visit www.smartgaming.com.



Dory won a TV on New Year's Eve at Roseville Bingo Hall.





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- 22 It's often twisted
- 26 Slangy 21-Across
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- 9 Chowderhead
- 10 He was on deck when Blake was
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- 11 "And more" letters
- 12 Masked drama
- 13 Crack
- 15 Space balls
- 20 Raise
- 23 The way things stand
- 24 Atone for
- 25 Tease
- 26 Wrong move
- 27 "Wrong, wrong, wrong!"
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by Linda Thistle

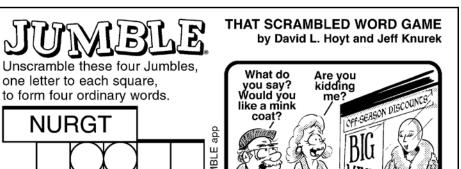
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: • •

Moderate A Challenging

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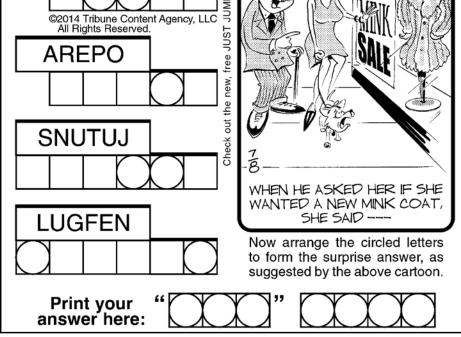
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For puzzle solutions, see page 11.



Fruit for the Fussy

Dear Annie,

My teenage daughter, Chrissy, who is a real fussy eater, has decided she wants to eat more



YOU ASK THE SENIOR QUESTION ~ WE FIND THE SAVVY ANSWER

Financial Help For Raising Grandchildren

Dear Savvy Senior,

Are there any financial assistance programs that can help grandparents who are raising their grandkids? I'm raising two grandchildren and could use some help. — **Struggling Grandma**

Dear Struggling,

Money is often an issue for the millions of U.S. grandparents who are raising their grandchildren today. To help with the day-to-day expenses, there are a variety of government programs and tax benefits that can make a big difference in stretching your budget. Here's where to look for help.

Financial Assistance Programs

fruit. She especially likes peaches and pineapples. Can you suggest a recipe that includes either one or both of these fruits? I want to surprise her for her birthday. I appreciate your help. — **Carrie from Cheltenham, Pa.**

Dear Carrie,

Here are two recipes that I particularly like. One has pineapple, the other peaches. Enjoy! — Annie

PINEAPPLE SLAW

- medium cabbage, shredded
 medium carrots, grated
 large onion, diced
 small red pepper, diced
 small fresh pineapple, peeled,
- cored and diced 1 cup mayonnaise ¼ cup pineapple juice
- ¹/₂ tablespoon white wine vinegar ¹/₂ teaspoon hot pepper sauce salt

freshly ground black pepper

Combine the cabbage, carrots, onion, red pepper and pineapple in a large bowl. In a small bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, pineapple juice, vinegar and hot pepper sauce. Add to the cabbage mixture; toss until well coated. Add salt and pepper to taste. Chill until ready to serve. Serves 8.

SWEET PEACH MOUSSE

4 ripe peaches 1 ¼ cups sugar 1 ½ tablespoons unflavored gelatin ½ cup orange juice ½ teaspoon almond extract ½ teaspoon grated nutmeg 2 teaspoons grated orange zest 1 ½ cups sour cream 2 cups heavy cream peach slices, for garnish

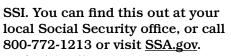
Puree the peaches in a food processor or blender until smooth. Combine the puree, sugar and gelatin in a medium saucepan. Let stand 5 minuses. Heat over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the gelatin dissolves, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to cool for 20 minutes. Add the orange juice, almonds extract, nutmeg and orange zest to the peach mixture; stir well. Whisk in the sour cream. Beat the heavy cream in a large bowl until a soft peak forms. Fold peach mixture into the cream. Spoon into dessert glasses, or a 2-quart soufflé dish. Refrigerate for several hours. Serve garnished with the peach slices.

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, FL 32162. So Ask Annie. Don't forget you can E-mail me at <u>aennis@thevillages.net.</u> And let's get cooking.

or call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 for referrals.

For more information and resources see the Grandfamilies State Law and Policy Resource Center at <u>GrandFamilies.org</u>.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit S<u>avvySenior.org</u>. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of The Savvy Senior book.



And finally, use <u>BenefitsCheckUp.org</u>, a comprehensive website that lets you search for additional financial assistance programs that you may be eligible for, such as lower energy bills, discounts on prescription medications and more.

Tax Benefits

In addition to the financial assistance programs, there are also a number of tax benefits that may help you too like the Dependency Exemption, which allows you to deduct \$4,050 in 2107 on each qualifying grandchild.

There's also the Earned Income Tax Credit or EITC which is available to those with moderate to low incomes, or the Child Tax Credit if you make too much money to qualify for the EITC.

If you're working, and are incurring childcare expenses in order to work, there's a Child and Dependent Care Credit that can help. And, if you choose to legally adopt your grandkids, there's an Adoption Credit that provides a federal tax credit of up to \$13,570.

There are even educationrelated tax credits that can help your grandkids go to college, like the American Opportunity Tax Credit or the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.

Legal Aid

You also need to talk to a family law attorney to discuss the pros and cons of obtaining legal guardianship, custody or adoption. Without some sort of legal custody, you may not be eligible for many of the previously listed financial assistance programs, and there can be problems with basic things like enrolling grandkids in school, or giving a doctor permission to treat them. For help locating affordable or free legal assistance, visit <u>FindLegalHelp.org</u>,



For starters, find out whether your family qualifies for your state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, which may include cash assistance, food stamps and free or low-cost daycare. Or, if your household income is too high to qualify as a family, ask about the "child-only grant" for just the grandchild's support alone. Also, find out if your state offers any additional programs like guardianship subsidies, nonparent grants or kinship care.

Contact your state TANF program, or call your county social services office for more information on these programs.

You also need to find out if your grandkids are eligible for Social Security, including benefits for children, survivor benefits or To learn more about these tax benefits call the IRS at 800-829-1040, or visit <u>IRS.gov</u>. You can also call the IRS publication line at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you the publications that further explain the aforementioned benefits. Ask for publications 501, 503, 596, 970, 972.

Health Insurance

If your grandkids need health insurance, depending on your income level, you may be able to get free or low-cost health insurance through your state's Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. See <u>InsureKidsNow.gov</u> or call 877-543-7669 for more information.

