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Congratulations to Bingo's Newest Grand Champion

Following retirement, Robin Cannon and her husband, Bob, wanted to take a vacation filled with interesting sights and experiences. The trick was finding one they were confident they would both enjoy.

“I had never been on a cruise before, and a friend of mine who had been on three Bingo cruises was putting a group together,” Robin says. “I loved the idea; I play Bingo three times a week and it seemed like a lot of fun to combine a Bingo Tournament with a cruise to the Caribbean. But my husband had been in the navy, so a vacation on a ship wasn’t quite the same for him as it would be for me.”

In the end, Bob agreed to join Robin for the 30th Annual World Championship Bingo Tournament & Gaming Cruise after she sweetened the deal with one of the ship’s drink packages. “I think it was something like 15 drinks a day, whatever and wherever he wanted,” Robin laughs. “He liked it and the trip was a go.”

Departing from New Orleans, the Tournament Cruise visited the Caribbean ports of Montego Bay, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, and the Cannons made sure to take advantage of every stop. “The tours were wonderful,” Robin says. “We swam with dolphins, saw the reefs in a submarine and visited Mayan ruins. It was a great experience.”



Robin Cannon of Twenty Nine Palms, California is Bingo's Newest Grand Champ. She is pictured here with Tournament Director Dennis Conroy. Robin won games in three sessions of the Bingo Bugle World Championship, putting her to atop the leader board and netting the top prize of \$5,000 cash and a free World Championship cruise package to defend her title in 2019.

The experience got even greater when Robin joined her fellow Bingo fans for the World Championship Bingo Tournament. “It was exciting,” she says. “I loved the idea that everyone was playing even—we all had the same number of cards and had an equal chance to win.”

The Tournament ran for three days, and Robin Bingoed in all three sessions. “On day one I split a pot and won \$600,” she says. “On day two I won alone and got \$1,200. That’s when they told me I

was in the lead for the grand prize, which was very exciting. But then another player won two games and passed me. So I told myself: ‘Well, that’s it. I have to win again on day three and be the champ and that’s all there is to it.’”

Day three arrived and Robin stuck to her plan—and surpassed it—winning two more \$1,200 jackpots and becoming Bingo Grand Champion. As the Tournament winner, Robin was awarded an additional \$5,000 cash and free passage for two on the 2019 Tournament Cruise.

“This was the 30th anniversary of the cruise and along with the Tournament they played special anniversary games with really big prizes,” she says. “I won one of those games, too, and another \$5,000!”

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Gaming News

MACAU. Owners of several large gaming complexes in Macau say they are taking a page from the “Las Vegas notebook” and are starting to look for secondary revenue streams. Macau, once a possession of Portugal, is now part of China. It has, for years, been the gambling capital of the world. But, leaders are now saying that it’s not safe to put all their financial eggs in one basket.

INDIANA. Two decades ago, a Las Vegas company spent a third-of-a-billion dollars to build a riverboat casino downriver from Louisville. New reports show that the facility, that just celebrated its 20th birthday, has REALLY paid off. Now that the former Caesars riverboat has turned 20, there are few questions among community

leaders, casino executives and industry analysts that the bet has paid off in spades. The profits have not only been realized by the owners—the venue has become a shot-in-the-arm for rural Harrison County, Indiana.

DETROIT. Media in the Motor City are reporting that billionaire businessman Dan Gilbert has reached an agreement to sell his Greektown Casino in downtown Detroit for one billion dollars. The buyers are two casino-related firms ... Penn National Gaming and VICI Properties. Currently, it is estimated that the Detroit casino is about \$400-million in debt. The sale marks the largest by Gilbert of any of the dozens of properties he and his partners acquired in downtown Detroit after he moved his headquarters downtown eight years ago.

BRITAIN. The British government is bowing to increased pressure from lawmakers by

bringing forward a planned reform of gambling regulations, six months ahead of schedule. Culture minister Jeremy Wright said a previously announced cut to the maximum stake on fixed-odds betting terminals (FOBTs) would now take place next April. Last month, the government announced in its budget that the cut, from 100 pounds to just two pounds, would take place in October, 2019.

ARIZONA. Phoenix media are reporting that when a slot machine at the Talking Stick Casino in suburban Scottsdale suddenly stopped with three red double-sevens in the windows, the man playing the machine assumed he had won something. 47-year-old Ryan Sherry checked the prize chart and found he had won the \$50,000 jackpot. The problem was, the machine said he only won \$4,000. His case is being heard by tribal leaders.



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Bingo News

Play on Red Letter Days

Iceland’s Ministry of Justice is drafting a bill to legalize Bingo and other forms of entertainment that are currently illegal on major Christian holidays. Iceland Review reports that according to current Icelandic law, it is illegal to organize public entertainment such as Bingo, raffles and even dances on high holy days like Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. While the law was put in place decades ago to ensure religious holidays could be celebrated without disturbance, few feel it is still necessary. The bill, which at press time was in consultation in the Ministry of Justice, is intended to better service those who would like to organize or partake in entertainment on “red-letter” days. Should it be passed, the only clause that would remain would be that such activities not interfere with religious services or church activities.

Hallmark TV features Viewer Bingo

During the holiday season, the Hallmark Channel and its sister TV network, Hallmark Movies and Mysteries, premiered a record-breaking thirty-seven seasonal films. To make your viewing parties even more fun, Hallmark created a jolly Bingo game for viewers to play while they watched, with squares such as “female character wears a red coat,” “Someone ice-skates backward,” “Character returns to home town,” and “Oh look, it’s suddenly snowing.” Hallmark films are known for their festive, sappy-as-a-pine-tree storylines—and promised viewers they would be shouting “Bingo!” after just one weekend of binge-watching.

Voters Change Bingo

Missouri voters made their voices heard on several state referendums, one of which pertained to Bingo gaming. The Bingo amendment asked voters if they wanted to amend the

Missouri Constitution to “Remove language limiting Bingo game advertising that a court ruled unenforceable,” and “Allow a member of a licensed organization conducting Bingo games to participate in the management of Bingo games after being a member of the organization for six months instead of the current two years.” The amendment passed by a slim margin, with 52% of voters in favor and 47% against. Overall, 1,186,643 people voted for the amendment and 1,079,356 against. State and local governmental entities estimated no costs or savings from this proposal.

Electronic Bingo in Canada

International Game Technology (IGT) has announced the launch of first-of-its-kind electronic Bingo content for the Canadian market. The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) is the first lottery in Canada to feature a range of electronic Bingo games through a pilot at 12 of OLG’s charitable gaming centers. IGT’s electronic Bingo games such as Bengal Eyes, Golden Rooster and Pharaoh’s Legacy are among a range of titles that players can enjoy at the locations. David Flinn, the firm’s regional vice president Canada, said: “Launching electronic Bingo content in Canada represents a meaningful growth opportunity for IGT and our customers.” Flinn added that in the wake of a successful launch with OLG, IGT is looking forward to extending its electronic Bingo installed base to additional provinces throughout Canada.

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By Guy Williams

There's a Bingo for Every Player

Hi Guy,
There are two Bingo halls in my area I avoid because the callers there are too "social." By this I mean that while they are supposed to be calling the numbers and keeping the games moving along, instead they are trading quips with their player "pals" and coworkers.
If I were looking to be entertained by a jokester I would go to a nightclub or stay home and watch TV. With Bingo I'm there to focus on the game and be entertained by the excitement of getting close to and/or winning money. Period. I don't need to wait five minutes between numbers while the caller makes fun of some guy's hat. That's stupid and a complete waste of my time.
I hope you will publish this letter as a reminder to those who

run Bingo that not everyone is there for the workers' amusement and that lots of us would prefer that the Bingo is run in a normal fashion so that we can play the game, get our winnings and go home. — **VC, via email**

Hi VC,
Personally, I like it when Bingo halls have different types of personalities so that I can pick and choose the hall to head to, depending on my mood.
If I've had a good day and am feeling upbeat, I might head to a hall with a caller just like the one you describe, with a big personality who likes to joke around and have fun with his coworkers and players. In such a case, I'm getting my fill of Bingo plus a bit of a floorshow—at no added cost. And I might pick up a joke or two to take to work the next day.
(If you ever want a real show, I suggest you try out a drag Bingo, bar Bingo or other "alternative" venue. The callers and other workers can be hilarious, the games promise to be a little crazy, and you are guaranteed more than one hearty laugh at some unsuspecting patron's expense—and hopefully not your own.)
Other times I may be looking for a Bingo that is more sedate, all business, so that I can enjoy my Bingo in peace, get out at decent


hour, and move on with my life.
Not every player is going to enjoy every kind of Bingo hall. Some folks like casino gaming, while others prefer neighborhood church hall charity games. Some like big, roomy halls with lots of people and lots of activity, while others are more comfortable in a smaller facility with fewer players and more elbowroom. And of course, some players like a jovial, friendly, familiar caller running their games, while others will opt for a quiet, efficient no-nonsense person at the console who will keep things moving and wrap it all up ahead of schedule.
Fortunately, it's a great big world out there with plenty of room for everyone to have interests and activities that are offered in a way that best suits them.
If a particular Bingo hall doesn't operate to your liking, just flip through the pages of this Bingo Bugle and you're sure to find an ad for another venue that suits you perfectly. — **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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3rd	Festival of Sleep Day
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14th	First Quarter Moon ☾
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25th	Opposite Day
27th	Last Quarter Moon ☾
29th	National Puzzle Day



New Boss for DC VA Medical Center

Those of you who get care at the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center (over 120,000 of you) probably can breathe a sigh of relief. A new director has taken the helm.
Michael Heimall comes with loads of experience: former Army officer, served as director at Walter Reed, 30 years in various capacities, a degree from the War College and a lot more. But the Washington DC VA Medical Center might be his biggest challenge yet.
This was the facility that risked lives because of chronic shortages. Remember when surgery staff had to run to other hospitals to borrow equipment? Or the dirty storerooms for sterile supplies, expired material on the shelves, surgeries canceled for lack of equipment, half a million uninventoried items stored in unsecured areas, \$92 million in supplies ordered when there was no clue about what they already had, and confidential patient info stored in an unsecured area and found in the dumpster? The VA's Office of the Inspector General had plenty to say about it in its report.
All that nonsense will hopefully come to a screeching halt. A to-

do list for Heimall: Of the 40 fixes recommended by the OIG, how many have been implemented?
Recently the D.C. facility was downgraded from a ridiculously low two-star rating to only one star. It's just my opinion, but no VA medical facility should ever be allowed to fall below a three-star rating without major intervention swooping in. At this point, there are eight others with one-star ratings: Atlanta; Big Spring and El Paso, Texas; Loma Linda, California; Memphis; Montgomery, Alabama; and Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona.
One thing Heimall needs to keep an eye on: The sterile processing center was to be completed by March 2019. Let's hope it will be.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS

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by Frederick Woodruff
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Horoscopes for January 2019

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): You rarely have trouble thinking outside of the box, in fact, you’re the queen of wanting to shake off the old and jump directly into the new. As the New Year zooms into place, it’s a good idea to take a conscious pause and consider each option in front of you—before you leap. Careful consideration will guarantee you an optimal choice, whereas scattershot efforts can backfire from neglect. Take a deep breath and survey carefully.
Lucky Days: 7 - 14
Lucky Numbers: 1 - 41

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): The poet Rumi wrote: “Sell your cleverness and buy bewilderment; cleverness is mere opinion; bewilderment is intuition.” The New Year finds you moving deeper into the mystical side of life, and for you bulls, this means paying heed to the wisdom of your body. Your thoughts and feelings are often cluttered by the noise of the world around you, but your body can guide you in ways that are unique and tailor-made to your specific needs.
Lucky Days: 6 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 57

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): “Remember to remember.” Keep this old bromide in mind. The year begins with a flurry of activity that can easily take you away from

your heart and center. Although you are fabulous at multi-tasking, I’m going to suggest that for winning results that you focus on just two key projects this year; a pair of dreams that you want to bring to fruition by summertime. Put all of your mental razzle-dazzle into making these efforts your best, and you’ll be thrilled with the results
Lucky Days: 23 - 27
Lucky Numbers: 2 - 46

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Emerson noted that, “If a man owns land, the land owns him.” This is a not so subtle way of suggesting that we remain conscious of the fact that material goods can crowd out the spiritual in our lives. We all need clothing, housing and sustenance, but it’s a good idea to keep in mind the source of these needs. From where does all of life’s bounty arrive? It is a mystery worth contemplating as you sail into the New Year.
Lucky Days: 2 - 15
Lucky Numbers: 18 - 44

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): The full moon in your sign, on the 21st, puts your emotional life in the spotlight, especially the question: What do I need most to have a sense of accomplishment in my life? You’re particularly lucky in the partnership department this month, so I’d suggest casting a wide net in the ocean of love to see what sort of treasures you discover; you’re in the midst of a magnetic cycle designed to attract the perfect mate or companion.
Lucky Days: 8 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 44

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): Your keen ability to catalog and set up detailed systems finds a brand new creative outlet this year; the kind of project that will surprise both you and close associates. Use some of this mojo to give expression to the poetic side of your nature. Journaling, blogging or keeping a record of how beauty touches your life is recommended. Everything need not be utilitarian

in the world, we all need time out to stop and smell the roses, and maybe write a bit of verse about the experience.
Lucky Days: 9 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 29 - 54

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): The New Year starts with a resolution to become more assertive towards acquiring what you desire most. This notion is doubled up as Mars in your house of ‘others’ has those closest to you applying pressure for you to become more proactive. The message might be that you’ve been too passive of late, letting opportunities pass you by that could have been snagged with more gumption. Step forward and the world will meet you halfway.
Lucky Days: 21 - 28
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 55

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): Subtle humor is your best approach now. Henry Ward Beecher wrote: “A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs. It’s jolted by every pebble on the road.” If your job is wearing you down, break up projects into smaller segments so they won’t seem so overwhelming. Being involved in several projects at once alleviates your boredom and keeps the mind sharp and receptive. And don’t forget to laugh!
Lucky Days: 8 - 18
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 36

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): January 7th and 8th are your personal days to shine. Use the magic at your disposal to find new modes for self-expression. If you’re feeling bored it’s because the same old routines are dulling your sharp edge. Perhaps you feel tied to a cause that no longer inspires you. Like all of the fire signs you do best when your sense of self is touching the world in a personal way that improves conditions for everyone around you. Find a new crusade for the New Year.
Lucky Days: 7 - 8
Lucky Numbers: 28 - 41

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20): A good portion of the solar system is moving through your sign as the New Year begins, and this means everything going on in the world around you impacts you strongly. You’ll want to practice the art of discernment: what is your responsibility and what can you leave to others to contend with? If you are the type to make resolutions, then make yours an aim that involves a financial planner. Money woes need to be addressed ASAP.
Lucky Days: 18 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 3 - 43

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): Several transits in your 12th house of compassion have you appreciative of your role in the cosmos and your interest in defending the less fortunate. Immerse yourself in nature to get a better perspective of your personal contribution to life on earth. Your sign functions best when you feel as though you are uplifting the overall vibration of the planet. You are the zodiac’s true blue humanitarians.
Lucky Days: 4 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 24 - 57

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): Pay attention that your batteries aren’t running on empty as the New Year kicks off with a hectic bang. It’s as if reality is expecting you to be in five different places simultaneously. The full moon on the 21st throws open the doors that might be concealing a few closet skeletons, so be prepared to confront and then soothe some longtime grudges or misunderstandings. Ask your mate to help solve disagreements that require a mediator.
Lucky Days: 11 - 18
Lucky Numbers: 41 - 43



Dear Dream Catcher

Above it All

Dear Dream Catcher,
In my inspiring dream I am perched high above earth on a towering platform. The weather is calm and sunny. Next to me, a smiling man on a larger tower drops down and shakes my hand. I’m a writer and my award winning screenplays have not been produced. I find new hope! —
Doris G. NY, NY

Dear Doris,
Indeed, there a key elements to this dream that are inspiring, especially for someone involved with a creative process, which writing a screenplay certainly involves; although, like all dreams, there are multi-levels of meaning at work here. That the dream has you “perched high above the earth” could be the dream’s way of alerting you to a kind a kind of

ivory tower inaccessibility, a type of distancing that might interfere with the very social requirements of getting something like a screenplay produced. Encouragement arrives in the form of a masculine ally—also perched even higher than you—but his height might have to do with a position of power and influence in the world. The dream is giving you two distinct messages. The first one is the need to get your feet down on the ground, as far as your aspirations are concerned. The second has to do with forging contacts with people (like an agency or writers’ support group) who can assist you in the process of making your writing dream a reality. Good luck!
— **Dream Catcher**

Dear Dream Catcher
Here is a really strange dream for you. This happened after my wife and I got into an argument about my drinking habits.

Although I’m certainly not an alcoholic, I do enjoy some beers in front of the TV when I return home from a long day at work. In my dream I am floating along in a river but the boat that I am sitting in is more like a canoe that’s been made from a gigantic beer bottle! Everything is going along swell until the waters in the river become rough and I notice that I am headed for a waterfall. Just when I think I am going to go over the edge I wake up. What do you think of this dream please! —
Morton L., Denver, CO

Dear Morton
It’s a good idea to pay attention to the events that lead up to us having a dream. Why? Because our unconscious will take over during the nighttime and continue on with a daytime narrative, that in this case started with the confrontation between you and your wife. In the case of your dream the

disagreement about your drinking was met with an almost comical image that turned out to be a rather serious and potentially life-threatening harbinger. The giant beer-shaped canoe might be telling you that you are using the relaxing effects of alcohol to float atop some of the stress and pressures related to your job and marriage. As your wife seems to have noticed, perhaps this isn’t the best approach for you to take. This doesn’t mean necessarily that the dream is telling you to completely stop drinking beer, but it is saying to you, “Hey, take some time out and see if you are not dealing constructively with tensions that could eventually turn into rough waters and a tumble of some kind.”

Send your dreams to The Dream Catcher c/o frederick.woodruff@outlook.com. Not all dreams are published.



Mister Mis-Daubs

Dear Aunt Bingo:

There is nothing like Bingo to demonstrate the superiority of the female mind. Sure, my wife and mom always invited me to go with them, but I always declined in favor of the more challenging game of chess. They just smiled when I told them I would rather play a difficult game like chess.

And then it happened...

My Wednesday chess club meeting was cancelled. My wife felt sorry and invited me to join her and her mom for a fun-evening of “daubing.” I didn’t want to go, but I was an altar boy as a kid, and St. Amelia’s needed the money.

It was a mind-numbing experience. There were 1,000

people packed into the church hall, each heavily armed with Bingo supplies. I didn't know there were Bingo supplies. There was pizza and donuts and soft drinks and coffee. There were scoreboards like in a football stadium. There were numbered ping-pong balls bouncing around like popcorn in a big fish aquarium. There was a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus announcing numbers into the public address system. There was excitement in the air! I couldn't wait to tell my chess club buddies about this grand spectacle.

My wife and her mom each bought nine cards for each game. I confidently handed the lady a hundred-dollar bill and asked for 20 cards for each game. My wife intervened and told her to give me only four.

We took our seats and lined up our cards in front of us. I was in the middle between the two of them. Ellen had nine cards in front of her and her mom had nine in front of her. I had four lonely cards in front of me. It was sort of embarrassing.

My wife gave me a package of Bingo daubers. I spent most of the evening trying to use the word “daub” in a sentence. Then I just started playing with the daubers. I was daubing everything I could—my bingo card, my forearm, a hot dog, a piece of pizza, and the forehead of a sweet old lady sitting across from me. I gave her the measles with my red dauber. I spent the first 15 minutes figuring out which color dauber to use—there were so

many choices! I devised a daubing system—I would use red for even numbers, blue for odd numbers. I would show them what a chess player could do! I would even daub with both hands!

I got so distracted by the daubers that I didn't notice the Grand Knight announcing the numbers. The hall quieted down. His voice was soothing as he announced an unending sequence of letters and numbers: "B-13, G-55, O-70..."

It felt like a concert hall, listening to a symphony. I started to dream about how many possible combinations of letters and numbers there were on all the cards. Just as I figured out that there were X number of combinations, I was jolted by hands and daubers flying in front of my face from my right and my left. Blue, green, pink, yellow and red daubers, all the colors of the rainbow—flying in like jet planes with pinpoint accuracy to daub my cards. It was a thing of beauty to behold—sort of like robotic arms in an automobile assembly line. They daubed their own nine cards and all four of mine at the same time! All this time I was searching my cards for B-9. I couldn't find it anywhere. My friend with the measles gently whispered, "Top left card, dear, first column, two numbers from the top!" She found it reading upside down! I would not want to play chess against that lady!

By the third game, I got the hang of it. I was daubing like a veteran. I was holding pizza in

my left hand, sipping a Coke through a straw, and daubing with my right hand at the same time. I was “On the Bubble” when the hallucination hit me. I got so excited I yelled, “Bingo!” with the confidence of a chess player delivering checkmate. Sighs of disappointment murmured through the hall as my family members looked over my cards. It only took a few seconds for my wife to give me the, “I am sorry for the embarrassment you are about to experience,” look. I had misdaubed. I didn’t even know that was a word. My wife apologized to the Grand Knight, “He was just practicing!”

He started to announce again. No one seemed to notice as I excused myself and headed for the restroom. I called an Uber and headed home. I dreamt that night about fianchettoing my bishop in the Sicilian Defense. I would never play Bingo again. That game was just too damn hard! — **Robert Simpson, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida**

Dear Robert:

Don't quit now. The embarrassment is behind you! —**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 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.

BINGO BUGLE MONTHLY CONTEST

**The Bingo Bugle
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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 (651) 600-9019.

Monthly Winners to Date:

August: Mary Morris, Little Canada Market Place Bingo; Tom Dalzell, West St. Paul Bingo Palace; David Tywinski, Treasure Island Bingo; Patricia Jackson, Pot O' Gold Bingo. **September:** Steven Arneson, Roseville Bingo Hall; Claudia Westphal, North St. Paul VFW; Mary Gustafson, Markan K of C; Phillip Brown, Mystic Lake Casino Bingo. **October:** Roberta Sumner, Little Canada Market Place Bingo; Haley Koehnen, Pot O' Gold Bingo; Donna Bester, Marian KC Bingo; La Vaughn Osborn, Treasure Island Bingo. **November:** Joseph Korsten, Marian KC Bingo; Louise Seashore, Buffalo AL#270 Bingo; Chuck Weber, Treasure Island Bingo; Pat Erickson, North St. Paul VFW Bingo. **December:** Jim Eddy, Little Canada Market Place Bingo; Deloris Miller, Buffalo AL #270; Margaret Goodson, Roseville Bingo Hall; Bob Culhane, Treasure Island Bingo.

January Winners

Jacqueline Schuna..\$25, North St. Paul VFW Post 1350
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NEW Tuesday Afternoon 12:45 Session!! Just west of 35E on Rice Street at the Market Place Shopping Center!		CLOSED Happy New Year!	Crazy Coverall at 7:15	\$5 PACKS at 10:30 a.m., 7:15 & 9:15	\$10 of Extras FREE in a \$35 machine or more at 10:30 a.m. & 7:15	Customer Appreciation Bingo at 1:00 Free Lunch & Door Prizes!
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FRIDAY

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

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Monday - Saturday
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AFTERNOON
Sunday
Warmups 3:15 p.m.
Regular Session 4 p.m.

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

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12:45 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. (Early Birds)

Saturday and Sunday
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Warmups 1:30 p.m.
Regular Session 2:30 p.m.

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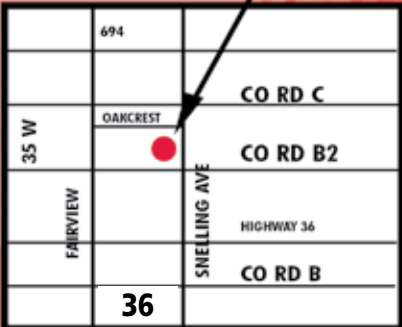
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— **Almost 65**

Dear Almost,

The rules for enrolling in Medicare can be very confusing with all the different choices available today. But when you postpone retirement past age 65, as many people are doing, it becomes even more complicated.

First, let's review the basics. Remember that original Medicare has two parts: Part A, which provides hospital coverage and is free for most people. And Part B, which covers doctor's bills, lab tests and outpatient care. Part B also has a monthly premium of \$104.90 in 2016 (though it's higher for individuals earning \$85,000 or more a year).

If you are receiving Social Security, you will be enrolled automatically in parts A and B when you turn 65. If you aren't yet receiving Social Security, you will have to apply, which you can do

online at SSA.gov/medicare, over the phone at 800-772-1213 or through your local Social Security office.

If you plan to continue working past the age of 65 and have health insurance from your job, your first step is to ask your benefits manager or human resources department how your employer insurance works with Medicare. In most cases, you should at least take Medicare Part A because it's free. But to decide whether to take Part B or not will depend on the size of your employer.

Small employer: If your current employer (or spouse's employer if it's providing your coverage) has fewer than 20 employees, Medicare will be your primary insurer and you should enroll in Medicare Part B during your initial enrollment period. This is a seven-month period that includes the three months before, the month of, and the three months after your 65th birthday.

If you miss the seven-month sign-up window, you'll have to wait until the next general enrollment period, which runs from Jan. 1 to March 31 with benefits beginning the following July 1. You'll also incur a 10 percent penalty for each year you wait beyond your initial enrollment period, which will be tacked on to your monthly Part B premium.

Large employer: If your employer has 20 or more employees, your employer's group health plan will be your primary insurer as long as you (or your spouse if the coverage is from his/her employer) remain an active employee. If this is the case, you

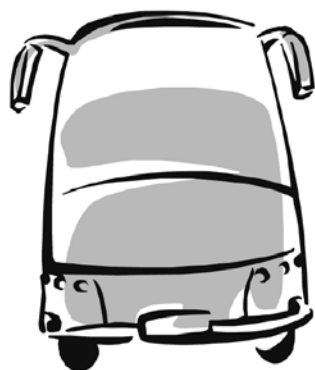
don't need to enroll in Part B when you turn 65 if you're satisfied with the coverage you are getting through your job. But if you do decide to enroll in Medicare, it will supplement your employer insurance by paying secondary on all of your claims.

Once your employment (or group health coverage) ends, you will then have eight months to sign up for Part B without a penalty. This is known as the Special Enrollment Period.

Drug coverage: You also need to verify your prescription drug coverage. Call your benefits manager or insurance company to find out if your employer's prescription drug coverage is considered "creditable." (Creditable prescription drug coverage is one that is considered to be as good as or better than the Medicare prescription drug benefit.) If it is, you don't need to enroll in a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. If it isn't, you should purchase a plan during your initial enrollment period or you'll incur a premium penalty (1 percent of the average national premium for every month you don't have coverage) if you enroll later.

For additional help, visit Medicare.gov or contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). The Medicare Rights Center also offers a free helpline at 800-333-4114.

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Bingo at the Eagles Club Jan. 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Bingo is back at the Eagles Club! Eagles Club, 112 Holmes St. West, Detroit Lakes. For info call the Club at (218) 847-5267.

Fergus Falls, MN

Music Video Bingo at Socials Bar & Grill Jan. 9 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This is a fun spin on bingo and it's free to play! Each player receives a bingo card with song titles, a clip of a music video is played on the TVs and if your card has the song title you mark it off, once you have a bingo you win the prize! Socials Bar & Grill, 1815 West Lincoln Ave. in Fergus Falls.

Grand Rapids, MN

BINGO at the Moose Lodge Tuesday, Jan. 22 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. BINGO every Tuesday, open to the public. Packet sales start at 6:30 p.m., Bingo starts at 7:00

p.m. Food available 5:00-8:00 p.m. 80% payout final game will be progressive cover-all. Moose Lodge 2023, 330 NE 10th Ave., Grand Rapids.

Hackensack, MN

Extreme Bingo! Jan, 18 from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Extreme Bingo for Back to Hack with DJ to follow. Birchwood Char House & Bar. For more info call (218) 675-6200.

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SPEED BINGO! Monday, Jan. 7 at 6:00 p.m. Hosted by Sociable Cider Werks. Speed Bingo is a "coverall" game where the numbers are called as quickly as possible. Think you can keep up? DJ Hazy Harold and JMO will be calling numbers faster than you can drink a pint EVERY MONDAY from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Prizes include a mix of taproom gift cards, can koozies, sweatshirts, t-shirts, glassware, hats, barrel aged releases, crawlers and growlers! Free to play! Sociable Cider Werks, 1500 Fillmore St. NE, Minneapolis.

New Ulm, MN

Bingo at the Community Center! Come play Bingo at the Community Center. Cards are \$1.00 each and cash prizes are

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Pipestone, MN

Come play BINGO at the Pipestone Senior Center every first Thursday of the month (Jan. to Dec.). Only \$1 per card, or buy three cards and get the fourth one FREE. Enjoy a fun afternoon with friends. Afterwards, coffee and cookies will be served. Pipestone Senior Center, 217 S. Hiawatha Ave., Pipestone.

Shakopee, MN

Beer and Bingo! Jan. 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Hoist a brew or two and join in the Bingo fun at the Shakopee Brew Hall. Every bingo card you purchase supports the Scott County Historical Society. Heckling encouraged! Shakopee Brewhall, 124 1st Ave. E., Shakopee.

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Bier und Bingo Fundraiser! Jan. 19 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. An evening of FUNdraising! Play for fun prizes and to support the German-American Institute. Held at Summit Brewing Ratskeller, where Summit beer will be for sale and Gerhard's Würstelstand will be on site. Brush up on your bingo lingo and hope for your lucky sevens! Summit Brewing's newly remodeled Rathskeller is at 910 Montreal Circle, St. Paul.

Stillwater, MN

Bags, Bingo & Beer! Jan. 26, noon-4:00 p.m. Come hang out with Chamber Members and your community for a fun afternoon! Play some Bags, BINGO, and enjoy food and beer specials! Register your Team of two for \$40 or single registration of \$20. One person on

your team needs to be a Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce member to play. Mallards on the St. Croix, 101 5th Ave. S., Bayport. For info call the GSCC at (651) 439-4001.

Stillwater, MN

WINTERFEST — January 24-27. The third annual Winterfest is a community-wide celebration for all things winter and Stillwater. Winter Games activities this year are to include opening ceremonies, torchlight parade, parka pub crawl, beers/bags/bingo, jousting, mini-golf, Stillwater's Got Talent show, steinholding, hammerschlagen, casserole cook-off, Winter .5k Run, beer pong, Shop Local Snow Shuffle, curling, Bubble Hockey Tourney, bingo brunch, Bloody Mary bar, live music, closing ceremonies and more! Come join us this winter!

Walker, MN

Beergo - Bingo with a twist! Portage Brewing Company, Jan. 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Coming to the taproom for the very first time, is Beergo (yes, that's bingo with a slight craft beer twist). Join us every other Thursday for an evening a beer inspired bingo. Take home various prizes, all relating to wonderful world of craft beer. Portage Brewing Company, 107 South 5th St., Walker.

Welch, MN

Bingo Gone Wild! Jan. 4, 11:00 p.m.-1:30 a.m. at Treasure Island Resort & Casino. Anything goes when we turn down the lights and fire up the fun for Bingo Gone Wild! This after-hours session has a live DJ, great prizes, drink specials and more. Packs are \$10 each or buy two get one free. Rules and restrictions may apply. For more info visit www.ticasino.com/island-bingo/



Callers Are Only Human

I hope you all had a great holiday season. My holidays were busy. I relocated back to Las Vegas. It's not worth going into the reasons here, however, let's just say, I'm happy to be back in a city where they play Bingo around-the-clock. My column about Bingo becoming increasingly dull in some areas got me a lot of e-mail, to bobonbingo@earthlink.net. Most of those writing agree with me that in many halls things have become too cut-and-dried. I know that some of this may be due to state laws, but, too many Bingo managers are afraid to allow the callers to have any fun, for fear they will be fired. Among the letters in e-mail was one from a person identified only as "Keleka." So, here is what Keleka said: "Hi, Bob. I enjoy reading your stories. A lot of them hit home. It's really interesting to know that other people think the same way or feel the same way about certain things when it comes to Bingo. My story is a quick one about things that happened very quickly.

"I have been calling Bingo in northern California for roughly seven years. In the very beginning of one of the sessions one night, I was calling a rather high-paying game. At one point, the equipment malfunctioned and no balls were coming through the chute. I stared at the crowd. What I saw was a bunch of 'statues.' For 15 seconds no one said anything. All I got was stares. "I soon realized that the malfunction was MY fault. I had forgotten to start over with the entire set of Bingo balls. The ones from the previous game had never been dropped (recycled). With a tear in my eye, I told the crowd what had happened and admitted that it was my fault. Some people clapped. Many came up at the end of the evening to thank me for being so honest and noting that 'mistakes DO happen.' "The manager came forward with new cards (special for that game). I guess the moral of my story is that Bingo can be amazing and exciting...and, it can be a little humbling." Thanks, Keleka! There is an additional morale here: remember that the callers and runners are only human. I have always said that I can't add two and two together and could never handle the money at Bingo. I would slit my throat if there were more than two winners in any game. Let's support Bingo this year and keep our favorite game alive!

top ten

Most Popular Vegetables*

1. Potatoes

2. Tomatoes

3. Onions

4. Carrots

5. Lettuce

6. Broccoli

7. Salad mix

8. Bell peppers

9. Celery

10. Cucumbers

*bought in past year

Source: The Packer

Puzzle Solutions

Bugle Crossword

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Bugle Sudoku

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

Jumblers

Jumbles: BRAWN YEAST LESSON LIZARD

Answer: The pregnant woman would need to leave the cookout quickly...It was — LABOR DAY



Blackjack: How to Bet

I'm going to look at the different ways that recreational players bet when they play blackjack and offer you my opinion on which way is best.

Always Bet Same Amount

A player who always bets the same amount is known as a “flat bettor.” Regardless of how much he wins and loses, he always bets the same amount of money (chips) on each hand.

This is a conservative way to bet at blackjack, but most players don't find it very exciting. However, if you have a limited bankroll and you want to get the maximum playtime, flat betting is the way to go.

It's easy to calculate your theoretical hourly loss when you flat bet. You simply multiply the number of hands you will play per hour (let's assume 100 hands) times the amount wagered per hand (assume \$10) times the 0.5% house edge (assuming you are using the basic playing strategy accurately), yielding \$5. If you play a total of four hours, you theoretically should lose \$25.

The big advantage of flat betting is that you decrease the swings in your bankroll, meaning you won't win a lot nor will you lose a lot of money in each session. However, even though you will have winning and losing sessions when you flat bet, in the long run your losses will exceed your wins (that's because the house has the mathematical edge).

Betting Progressions

Many recreational players want a little more excitement when they play blackjack so they use a betting progression, meaning they will vary their bets based on the results of the previous hand. Most players use a “win progression” where they gradually increase their bets following a winning hand (say from \$10 to \$20 to a maximum of \$30). Anytime you lose a hand along the progression, you revert to the starting \$10 bet.

First let me unequivocally state that any betting progression will not change the 0.5% house edge one iota. Moreover, when a player uses, say, a \$10-\$20-\$30

win progression, his average bet is no longer \$10 per hand. Yes, sometimes he will be making a \$10 bet, but other times he might be betting \$20 or \$30 on a hand. His average bet will be higher (about \$15 in our example); therefore, compared to the flat bettor (who only averaged \$10 per hand), the progressive bettor will theoretically lose 1.5 times more money (about \$38 over a four-hour session compared to the flat bettor's \$25 theoretical loss).

I don't recommend that player's use a betting progression because they will simply lose more money in the long run compared to flat betting. However, if you are hell-bent on using a betting progression, I'd recommend a very conservative one (like a \$10-\$20 progression). (Better yet, keep reading for the best way to bet at blackjack.)

Only Increase Your Bet When You Have the Edge

This seems like the logical way to increase your bets when you play blackjack; namely, when you know that you have the mathematical edge on the next hand. The question, however, is this: how do you know when the edge swings in your favor during the play out of the shoe? The answer is this: You've got to watch the cards as they are played from one round to the next and only increase your bets when you've seen a lot of small cards (2 through 6) in previous rounds

compared to big cards (10, picture cards, and aces). If this sounds like card counting, it is, but before you tune me out listen to what I have to say about it.

There is, and always has been since the 1960s, only one mathematically proven way to gain the edge at blackjack and that is by card counting. However, most recreational players don't have the time or energy to learn a full-blown card-counting system. What I'm proposing is a lot simpler and easier. Learn Speed Count or the Ace-Ten Front Count. You can learn either card counting system in about the same time it took you to learn the basic playing strategy. Moreover, get this: when you use them, you will completely wipe out your theoretical hourly loss by flat betting or using a progressive betting system and replace it with a modest theoretical win every hour you play blackjack. (Meaning, you will have the slight edge when you play blackjack.)

Note: You'll find the details on Speed Count in Frank Scoblete's book, Beat Blackjack Now, and the Ace-Ten Front Count in Fred Renzey's book, Blackjack Bluebook II.

Henry Tamburin is the host of www.smartgaming.com.

Lucky Lotto News

Mega Mistake

A Mega Millions mistake by an office employee paid off for her and 20 of her Ottawa County, Michigan, coworkers. The Bus Busters lottery club won \$1 million in a Mega Millions drawing. David Lantzy, the club's representative, said they pooled their money for lottery tickets, with their boss matching the amount for a total of \$212. But, the woman who volunteered to buy the lottery tickets only purchased Mega Millions tickets, not a mix of Mega Millions and Powerball tickets as the group had planned. It turned out the last ticket she bought matched all five white balls drawn, winning a \$1 million prize. Each member of the group received \$47,600 before taxes. “Everyone's plans for the money is a little different, but I know a lot of folks are looking forward to sharing with family, paying for college tuition, and I wouldn't be surprised to see some new cars in the parking lot at work,” Lantzy said.

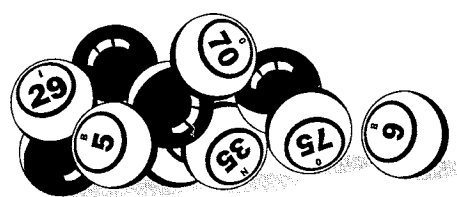
Broken Hip Pays Off In New Jersey

A New Jersey man literally got a lucky break when he joined a \$1 million-winning lottery pool at a local hospital after breaking his hip while walking to buy a ticket. Earl Livingston, 87, of Blackwood, New Jersey, was walking to the store to pick up

a lottery ticket when he fell and broke his hip. He was taken to Jefferson Stratford Hospital, where he shared his story with staff members. A physician's assistant invited Livingston to join the hospital's lottery pool along with 141 others. That pool ended up including a winning \$1 million ticket.

Sports Lottery in New Mexico

The board that oversees the New Mexico Lottery voted unanimously to move forward with creation of a game tied to the outcome of sporting events. Details of the game are being worked out, but it will involve a parlay-like wager. A player will pick possible outcomes of at least three sporting events and will have to choose all correctly to win. The move is the first by state government to cash in on a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that struck down a federal law that largely prohibited sports betting outside of Nevada. It is estimated the New Mexico Lottery's sports game will generate \$30 million a year, with \$9 million of that going to a lottery-funded tuition assistance program for college students.



What's New in Nevada

IS VEGAS STILL A UFO HOTSPOT?
According to a long-time “UFO watcher” in Nevada, new figures show the Las Vegas area is number two in the nation in UFO sightings. Investigative reporter George Knapp teamed up with a group of reporters from a local television station in compiling the data. During a recent period, there were nearly 640 thought-to-be-credible sightings reported to authorities in the Las Vegas area. By the way, Phoenix was number one, with over 900 sightings.

ARENA ON TRACK
A check of the ongoing construction on the planned massive Raiders' Stadium in Las Vegas shows it's about one-quarter finished, but on schedule. To date, nearly half-a-billion dollars have been spent on Phase One of the construction. The state-of-the-art glass-domed stadium is being built across the Interstate from the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino; it will also be close to McCarran International Airport.

STEVE WYNN BACK IN THE NEWS
Yes, controversial entrepreneur Steve Wynn is back in the news, but not for the reason you might think. There are reports that Wynn and his wife of seven years, Andrea Hissom, have purchased the most expensive residence in Las Vegas. It's more than 13,000-square-feet in size, boasts six bedrooms and sits in the

Country Club Hills subdivision of Summerlin, Nevada. The Wynns apparently forked over about \$22-million for the property. The estate was built in 2001 and has been remodeled twice over the years.

VEGAS HOSTS BIG THANKSGIVING PARTY
Some interesting figures have been released that show the number of people who came to Las Vegas over Thanksgiving week equals the population of Pittsburgh or Cincinnati. That's more than a third of a million people. The always-busy McCarran International Airport handled the brunt of the short-term invasion of tourists. Preliminary reports indicate that approximately 140,000 hotel rooms were filled and the numbers look good for a two-percent (or so) increase in tourism.

GREENER BUSES
The Regional Transportation Commission that oversees surface transportation in the Las Vegas area is in the final stages of preparing for the rollout of 55 new environmentally friendly buses throughout the area in a few months. They will replace part of the fleet of diesel vehicles. The 40- and 60-foot-long buses are powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). The rollout is part of a plan to change all of the city's 400 buses to CNG to reduce exhaust emissions.

Poker Talk



Pounce when Opponents Telegraph their Hands

By Jonathan Little

You can take advantage of weak, straightforward players who telegraph the strength of their hands with their bet sizes, and this hand from a \$1-\$2 no-limit cash game is a good example of how to do it.

A player in middle position limped, as did the player in the cutoff seat. Our Hero raised to \$12 from the button with Js 10s.

I'm fine with raising from the button with suited connectors, but calling and raising larger, perhaps to \$16, are also reasonable options. Calling keeps the pot small, often amplifying your postflop advantage (assuming you play well), while raising larger allows you to frequently pick up pots preflop. A bet in the \$8-\$12 range will rarely win the pot preflop, so you often have to flop well to have a good chance to win.

Only the cutoff called Hero's raise, and two players saw a flop of As Qd 8s, which gave Hero a flush draw and double-gutshot straight draw. The cutoff bet \$10 into a pot of \$27.

This is where the player in the cutoff seat telegraphed his hand. When someone leads on a board that should be excellent for the preflop raiser's range, they usually have some sort of marginal made hand or junky draw. Hero's hand made it less likely that his opponent had a draw. More likely, the player in the cutoff seat had a weak ace and was betting to "find out where it stands."

If you think your opponent will fold an ace to a flop raise, then raising large, perhaps to \$50, has a lot of merit. If you think your opponent will never fold top pair, calling makes more sense. That said, when you have a premium draw, taking the aggressive route is rarely wrong, because even when your opponent calls, you'll still win the pot about half the time.

Hero called. The turn was the 10c, giving hero a pair. Both players checked.

With his opponent's check on the turn, Hero should assume his middle pair is not good (although it will be from time to time when he is up against a junky flush draw like 7s 6s). The real question is whether the opponent will fold an ace to turn and river bets. In my experience, he usually will, as long as you bet large enough. But if you think your opponent plans to call down once he checks the turn, semi-bluffing makes little sense.

The river was the Qd. The opponent bet \$15 into a pot of \$47.

At this point, it was highly unlikely that Hero had the best hand, but could he fool his foe? The opponent almost certainly had an ace or queen. Later on, Hero mentioned that he'd seen his opponent bet small on the river twice with marginal value hands and large on the river once with the nuts. This made Hero think his opponent was much more likely to have an ace than a queen.

Hero raised to \$60.

I definitely like raising the river more than calling. When you lose to all the marginal made hands in your opponent's range, calling makes no sense. Hero's only option is to raise or fold. I like Hero's bet of \$60, a substantial amount that had a reasonable chance to induce a fold if the opponent didn't have a queen.

The opponent grumbled for a minute about how lucky Hero was to catch a queen on the river before folding A-2 face-up.

Jonathan Little is a professional poker player and coach with more than \$6 million in live tournament earnings. He is also the author of numerous best-selling poker books, including his recent ebook, The Main Event With Jonathan Little. For more information on Jonathan, check out JonathanLittlePoker.com, and follow him on Twitter: @JonathanLittle.

At The Casinos...

Treasure Island Resort & Casino
Minnesota Twins Winter Caravan, Thursday, Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Watch that baseball soar! It might be winter, but baseball season is just around the corner. Gear up for another exciting season when the Twins Winter Caravan stops at Treasure Island. Come talk a little with some of baseball's finest: Twins outfielder Jake Cave and first baseman Tyler Austin, on Thursday, Jan. 17 in the Parlay Lounge.

Black Bear Casino
Gichi Manidoo Giizis (traditional Pow Wow): "Taking Care of the Land and the Community", Saturday, Jan. 12. Free admission! Open to the public.

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BUGLE CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Just open
 - 5 Hot under the collar
 - 10 Loot from a heist
 - 14 Dainty trim
 - 15 West Indies volcano
 - 16 Site of Napoleon’s first exile
 - 17 Tweak some violin holders?
 - 20 Maker of many kitchen rolls
 - 21 Wall St. deal
 - 22 Baking soda targets
 - 23 Like used fireplaces
 - 25 Tach nos.
 - 27 Tweak some church chimers?
 - 34 Brit. record label
 - 35 A few bucks?
 - 36 Fuss over
 - 37 Part of a sitcom farewell
 - 39 Pulled off
 - 41 Spot for a 48-Across
 - 42 Representatives
 - 45 Nintendo rival
 - 48 Short snooze
 - 49 Tweak some ski parkas?
 - 52 __ helmet
 - 53 Pre-coll. catchall
 - 54 Torch job
 - 57 And such: Abbr.
 - 59 Trims, as a lawn
 - 63 Tweak some business outfits?
 - 66 Arctic formation
 - 67 Transparent
 - 68 Scientology guru Hubbard
 - 69 Like most fairways, daily
 - 70 Some Parliament members
 - 71 A whole bunch

- DOWN**
- 1 NATO alphabet starter
 - 2 Monopoly corner
 - 3 Adapter letters
 - 4 New Jersey’s state tree
 - 5 Chest thumper
 - 6 One recently hitched
 - 7 Smooth-talking
 - 8 Parting shot
 - 9 Slangy “Sure”
 - 10 Hands-free devices
 - 11 To boot
 - 12 Lyft rival
 - 13 Scottish miss
 - 18 Performed light surgery on?
 - 19 Jazz club performers
 - 24 Eur. power until 1806
 - 26 Third deg.?
 - 27 Midmorning hour
 - 28 Reflection
 - 29 Little League teams
 - 30 Like Oscar Wilde
 - 31 Big name in spaghetti westerns
 - 32 OK for dieters
 - 33 Breaks like a branch
 - 38 Implied
 - 40 Down in the dumps
 - 43 Shipping department supply
 - 44 Lab order?
 - 46 Milk purch.
 - 47 Feels the pain
 - 50 “My Generation” band
 - 51 Portmanteau for a grown-up who hasn’t yet grown up
 - 54 Switch on a boom box
 - 55 Caramel-filled candy
 - 56 Put one over on
 - 58 Stadium ticket specification
 - 60 Copter’s forerunner
 - 61 David Cameron’s alma mater
 - 62 Three-part figs.
 - 64 Monogram on some pricey handbags
 - 65 Store door nos.

BUGLE SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

JUMBLE

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

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SOLENS

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Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

Print your answer here: ◯◯◯◯◯ ◯◯◯◯◯

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

A cartoon illustration of a pregnant woman in a dress standing at a cookout. She is looking distressed. A man in a suit is talking to her. Another man in a baseball cap is also present. There is a large pot of food on a table.

Honey, it's time. My contractions are getting closer.

I'll get the car. It won't take long.

THE PREGNANT WOMAN WOULD NEED TO LEAVE THE COOKOUT QUICKLY... IT WAS ---

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

For puzzle solutions, see page 11.

by Annie E. Ennis

Spaghetti Pie Surprise

Dear Annie,

I have a crazy request. Have you ever heard of a spaghetti pie? My 10-year-old son, Jimmy, was served a spaghetti pie at a friend's house. Do you have a recipe for this? I want to surprise him with it on his birthday. Thanks.

— **Georgie from Macon, Georgia**

Dear Georgie,

It took a little research, but I found a recipe that looks delicious. It is in a cookbook that has superb recipes. I hope Jimmy likes his spaghetti pie birthday surprise. If I were you, I would make two pies (double the recipe) and freeze one for next time. According to the recipe, the spaghetti pie freezes well.

— **Annie**

SPAGHETTI PIE

6 ounces spaghetti
2 eggs, beaten
¼ cup freshly grated Parmesan
cheese
2 tablespoons butter
1/3 cup chopped onion
1 cup sour cream
1 pound Italian sausage
1 6-ounce can tomato paste
1 cup water
6 ounces Mozzarella cheese,
sliced

Break the spaghetti in half. Cook in a pot of boiling water until done. Drain. While warm combine the spaghetti with the eggs and Parmesan cheese. Pour into a well greased 10 inch pie plate and pat the mixture and around the sides with a spoon. In a small fry plan, melt the butter and sauté until limp. Stir in the sour cream and spoon over the spaghetti. Remove the sausage from the casing, crumble and cook in a skillet until done. Drain. Add the tomato paste and water. Simmer 10 minutes. Spoon the sausage on top of the sour cream mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Arrange the mozzarella cheese on top and return to the oven the cheese melts. Serves 4-6.

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 aennis@thevillages.net. And let's get cooking.

To Your Good Health

Vinegar and Arthritis

Dear Dr. Roach,

I heard that letting vinegar touch your skin causes arthritis. Is there any danger in using vinegar as a cleaning agent? — **N.J.A.**

Dear N.J.A.,

I often get asked whether apple cider vinegar cures arthritis (it doesn't) or can help relieve symptoms (it might, but there is no good evidence that it does), but I have never heard anyone ask about vinegar touching the skin causing internal problems. Vinegar is a mild acid (most are

about 5 percent acetic acid), which normally isn't particularly irritating to the skin, and shouldn't be absorbed. Even if it were, acetic acid is found in the body (it's an important molecule in several metabolic pathways), and your body can use it as an energy source. There is no reason to be concerned about being exposed to household vinegar. — **Dr. Roach**

Send questions to:

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Now Here's A Tip!

- Bring back the life of a washable marker that's been dried out. Run the tip under a slow stream of tap water for 60 seconds, then wrap the tip in plastic and cap it. Let sit for an hour.
- "With two preschoolers, I have a rather large collection of artwork. I save papers that are decorated on only one side and use them to write letters to family members. I try to write which child drew the picture and the month and year, but even when I can't, the papers make very unusual and appreciated stationary." — *M.F. in Oregon*
- Here's a wonderful tip received via e-mail: "If you have a panic button for your car alarm, keep

your keys by the bedside. If you experience a problem during the night, trip the panic alarm. Let your trusted neighbors know about your intention, and they'll be able to assist you."

- Wear and wash? Not necessarily.** Before you toss that sweater or pair of corduroys in the wash, take the time to check if it's actually soiled. Many garments can be reworn after airing rather than washing and drying, which takes a toll on the fabric, and your water and electric bills.

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JANUARY 2019

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