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Spring Fling Bingo Cruise Host Ship Carnival Valor Offers Luxury, Adventure and Fun!

xcitement continues to build following news that the Bingo Bugle Newspaper Group will host its first-ever Spring Bingo Cruise in 2021!

Setting sail April 19 from New Orleans, the five-day cruise visits the Mexican ports of Cozumel and Progreso and features 80-plus games of Bingo in multiple sessions while at sea. In addition to the many cash prizes to be given away, the top winner will be awarded a cabin for two on the World Championship Bingo Tournament & Gaming Cruise sailing next October!

The Bingo Bugle Spring Fling Bingo Cruise will be aboard Carnival Valor, among Carnival Cruises' luxurious Conquest-class of vessels. Valor's décor is themed "Heroes and Heroism," with the American flag as inspiration for the central atrium. There are marble stars and stripes embedded in the floor and gilded American eagles throughout the ship.

Amenities abound on the Carnival Valor, such as an Internet café, four swimming pools and a 15,000-square-foot health club. The ship offers all kinds of entertainment ranging from sing-along piano bars to discos to elaborate production shows and hilarious comedic performances.

Recent upgrades to the ship include the addition of Guy's Burger Joint, a free poolside venue that serves hand-crafted burgers and fresh-cut fries; BlueIguana Tequila Bar, a fun outdoor bar offering a Mexicanthemed atmosphere and tequila-based beers and frozen



drinks; BlueIguana Cantina, a complimentary poolside eatery where guests can enjoy freshly made burritos and tacos; RedFrog Rum Bar, a poolside bar with a Caribbean vibe offering rum-based frozen drinks and beers; SkyBox Sports Bar, a sports lovers haven where guests can watch live sporting events; Alchemy Bar, a vintage-themed cocktail shop with mixologists who create unique and tasty concoctions; Cherry on Top, a candy shop featuring bins of bulk candy, fun gifts and novelties, and custom clothing; a collection of boutiques selling a wide range of duty-free jewelry, fragrances and alcohol, along with traditional cruise items; and much more.

Spacious and attractive dining areas offer a friendly atmosphere by providing seating for between four and six people, although there are also tables for only two diners. The Pizzeria has a great variety of pizza types in addition to Caesar salad, served 24/7. There's even a deli for lighter lunch choices.

The main theater, the Ivanhoe, presents outstanding productions featuring dazzling costumes and Vegas-quality shows. Other activities include the ship's own Bingo as well as casino gaming, ballroom dancing, karaoke, and more.

You won't want to miss the maiden voyage of the Bingo Bugle Spring Fling Bingo Cruise! Phone the Bingo Bugle Cruise Hotline (888-352-2464) or visit us online (bingobugle.com/cruise) to learn more about this unique vacation adventure.

And while you're there, be sure to check out the October 2021 World Championship Bingo Tournament & Gaming Cruise!

Gaming News

Women at the Top

According to a recent report, women now run four of Atlantic City's nine casinos in what some industry executives and observers say could be the future of the gambling industry. Caesars Entertainment hired Jacqueline Grace this past September to run the Tropicana casino as its senior vice president and general manager. She is one of two Black women in charge of casinos in Atlantic City, joining Melonie Johnson, who took over

leadership of the Borgata this year as its president. The other women at the helm of Atlantic City casinos are Terry Glebocki, chief executive officer of the Ocean Casino Resort, and Karie Hall, senior vice president and general manager of Bally's.

Mini Casino Crackdown in PA

Former U.S. Attorney Tom Marino, now vice president of government affairs for Pace-O-Matic's Pennsylvania Skill, said 777 Video Skill Slots and Keno in the Hopewell Shopping Center in Aliquippa operates as a "minicasino," earning revenue from "luck-based" slot machines

rather than "skill-based" gaming devices. Marino says he's seen the machines, and they are slot machines, adding that "Slot machines can only be legally operated in casinos sanctioned and licensed by the state. There are hundreds of these illegal machines throughout the region, and thousands in Pennsylvania." Pennsylvania Skill's compliance team, made up of former Pennsylvania State Police troopers and other law enforcement, sent **Beaver County District Attorney** David Lozier a memo detailing allegedly illegal slots found inside the establishment.



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Bingo News

Day of Service

Xcel Energy celebrated its 10th anniversary for Day of Service. This year, the day was expanded to 10-days and included a mix of in-person volunteering and takehome projects for employees, and an online Bingo card that features acts of kindness that the general public can do at home and within their neighborhoods. Local Jacob Hansen noted, "Now everyone is staying home, you are a lot more aware of your neighbors, seeing them more often, they're seeing you more often," Hansen told CBS4. When Hansen saw the Xcel Energy Day of Service Bingo card, he recognized some of the acts of kindness that he already does. Xcel's Day of Service Bingo card includes such activities as leaving positive online reviews, picking up trash in your neighborhood and delivering meals to his neighbors. Though Hansen says he hasn't done the later, he has shared produce from his garden. "It feels great. I love to share with other people," he explains. The Xcel Bingo card has great suggestions that you can do all year roundit's available for download at xcelenergy.com/community/day of service.

Drag Bingo Not a Drag

As students persist through the hardships faced due to social distancing and limited interaction, Gustavus' Campus Activities Board (CAB) of Minneapolis continues to strengthen community solidarity through socially-distanced, interactive events. In collaboration with the Gustie Greeters, CAB arranged the recent Drag Bingo Night event hosted by Minneapolisbased drag performer Victoria

DeVille. The CAB crew measured the Alumni space, marking areas spaced six feet apart with an "X." Hand sanitizers were handed out to each participant, and each individual was required to wear a mask. Lucky winners walked away with a variety of prizes, including spikeball sets, hydro-flasks, a hammock and gift cards. Not only was Drag Bingo an opportunity for a fun get-together, it is part of a mission to host more events inclusive to LGBTQ+ members on campus. Some of the most memorable moments from Drag Bingo came from the glamorous Victoria DeVille, who used versatility and humor to create an inclusive environment for everyone.

SidePlayR

Mesquite Gaming, owner of the CasaBlanca Resort & Casino and the Virgin River Hotel & Casino, recently partnered with the digital bingo application sidePlayR to deliver an updated Bingo experience at their hall. Since implementation in September, the Virgin River Hotel & Casino has activated two new bonus features - "Frontier Showdown" and "Bonus Badge" - and has awarded more than \$17,000 in bonuses. Mesquite Gaming, located 77 miles north of Las Vegas, includes the Virgin River Hotel & Casino and the CasaBlanca Resort & Casino. A premier golf destination, Mesquite Gaming owns and operates The Palms Golf Club and the CasaBlanca Golf Club. sideplayR's bonus bingo features are available throughout Nevada in the bingo halls at Arizona Charlie's Decatur, Arizona Charlie's Boulder, South Point Hotel & Casino and the Plaza Hotel & Casino.



OnStar Help for Veterans in Crisis

We've all seen the ads for OnStar gadgets in vehicles that provide instant help for people who are in wrecks. Press the button and an emergency certified adviser is right there, ready to help. The Department of Veterans Affairs has hooked up with OnStar to provide suicide prevention help to veterans.

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Now, with this added feature through the VA, veterans in crisis have another way to get help.

If your vehicle is OnStar capable and you've never signed up, consider doing it now. Check the website onstar.com to verify that your vehicle is eligible. Get the app (OnStar Guardian) and put it on your phone. It works while you're in any vehicle.

For veterans with suicidal thoughts, the ability to instantly and easily reach out to someone could be a life changer. OnStar personnel have been trained to ask a few fast questions and provide immediate access to the Veterans Crisis Line. These few seconds matter: There's no fumbling through the phone and looking for the crisis line number. Just press the OnStar button and help is there.

I like this. I mean, I really like it. It seems that lately the VA has come up with some good ideas to help our vulnerable brothers and sisters, and this is one of them. 4 Bingo Bugle Minnesota Edition — November 2020

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Horoscopes for November 2020

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): Now is the time when important people notice you. Don't be surprised! Even though your attention has been centered on the home front, your energy and enthusiasm has impressed powerful folks in your circle. Take advantage of this and start now to layout your plans for a successful new year ahead.

Lucky Days: 5 - 18 Lucky Numbers: 34 - 54

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21):

Consider Kathryn Hepburn's words this month: "I never lose sight of the fact that just being is fun." A large part of your satisfaction is related to the relationships in your life. So, as you bask in the pleasure of being alive, keep in mind that it's your ability to play well with others that's a big part of your peace of mind. And really, that is quite a skill to have.

Lucky Days: 22 - 29 Lucky Numbers: 3 - 19

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): The new Moon on the 15th pulls you into a skirmish involving self-care and the needs of a partner. But if you aren't in good shape emotionally, you're not going to be of assistance to someone else. Pay attention to the needs of your body and of your mind. You'll find quick solutions by dealing quickly with your high-strung nerves. Meditation, contemplation, walks in nature, all of those activities can help.

Lucky Days: 21 - 22 Lucky Numbers: 8 - 24

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): It's

true! At this point in the year you're starting to realize that you've reinvented yourself. How did that happen? Part of the secret was following through on intuition and whims that others might have felt frivolous. But you know better. No other sign has such a keen alignment with the visions and longings of the unconscious. Now, what will you do with this new self?

Lucky Days: 18 - 28 Lucky Numbers: 3 - 32

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): The writer Bert Taylor once said, "A bore is a man who, when you ask him how he is, tells you." There's some truth in this bit of whimsy, and you know it better than most. Because you always strive to show the world something new about your nature you put faith in the

power of stories. And the finesse that's involved to tell a good one. Use your raconteur skills to the utmost this month!

Lucky Days: 3 - 6 Lucky Numbers: 33 - 49

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23):

Hmmm, the pinch this month is all about the bills and invoices that arrive in the mail. It's important that you put into practice some serious budgeting right now so you can head into the holidays with a rejuvenated bank account. If needed, hire an accountant who can apply her expertise to your wallet and curtail your attraction to luxuries.

Lucky Days: 9 - 30 Lucky Numbers: 8 - 14

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): Take it from Eleanor Roosevelt, a lady who knew of what she spoke: "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." So, don't give it. In fact, take advantage of the new Moon on the 15th and do some social housecleaning. Because relationships play such a big part in your life it's a good time to see who supports you and who detracts from your gentle nature.

Lucky Days: 9 - 28 Lucky Numbers: 42 - 56

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22):

With Mercury in your house of self-expression you have a lot to say and a willing audience who is ready to hear from you. This is good because often your incisive nature can be too bold or intimidating with its truth-telling. But right now, those closest to you need a bit of tough love. You'll be surprised how sweet things can become after you've spoken your truth

Lucky Days: 6 - 11 Lucky Numbers: 24 - 37

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC

21): Martial arts maven Bruce Lee told us: "If you think a thing is impossible, you'll make it impossible. As you think, so shall you become." No one knows this truth better than you—it's

intrinsic to your very nature. This month it's time to pull out the stops with your enthusiasm for a new project that you've adopted, despite hearing from others that it might be a flop. You know and think better.

Lucky Days: 23 - 24 Lucky Numbers: 15 - 54

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20):

Here's what's going to pull you out of the weight that you've felt you're under all year: Love. Not necessarily a new relationship or the rekindling of an old one, but the simple reminder that with love all things are possible. If you love something you act as a magnet, you pull towards you what you need to complete the puzzle.

Lucky Days: 5 - 10 Lucky Numbers: 23 - 43

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB

19): Some of you are feeling tremendous pressure to break ties with family or conditions of the past that feel limiting or stifling. Keep in mind that big changes do not always need to be made on the literal level, you might find that a conscious change of philosophy or approach to life gives you the new freedom that you long for. Regardless, now is the time to relieve yourself of old conditioning.

Lucky Days: 8 - 28 Lucky Numbers: 4 - 7

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20):

Yes, Mars, the energy planet is still stirring up trouble in your financial sector; only this month you've got more skill under your belt for figuring out a solution to the most pressing problem—the one having to do with loss of focus. No other sign is as affected by mood and atmosphere. And as this is true it behooves you to remake your environment into something that will sustain the disposition you need to succeed. It's a simple equation.

Lucky Days: 8 - 14 Lucky Numbers: 44 - 53

Now Here's A Tip:

- Cooking a recipe with garlic and onions to start? Invite me to dinner! But first, remember to let the onions cook to nearly translucent before adding the garlic, which cooks much faster. If you put both in at the same time, the garlic will burn before the onions have a chance to deepen their flavor.
- Automatic toilets are great for not having to touch the handles, but they can be scary for kids and some adults too, if I'm being honest. Try putting a sticky note over the sensor so that it will not flush until you take it off, giving you some control.
- "For chores, I write tasks on sticky notes and put them up

on our family board. The kids choose the things they want to do, and when they are done to my satisfaction I sign their ticket. At the end of the week, they can bring me the tickets to pay out. This is for extra money, so they don't have to do it; I don't have to chase them, and I don't have to keep track of it either." — E.L. in Montana

- Every so often, use a very diluted bleach solution to rinse out your reusable water bottles. Put them on a bottle rack to air dry completely before sealing them back up.
- Things you should wash with soap and water more often than you think: hairbrushes, eyeglasses (and sunglasses) and keychains. Think about how often they get handled and how infrequently they get cleaned.

Send your tips to: Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

Lucky Lotto News

Major Winners

Rumors had been flying since Atlantic Lotto confirmed the lone winning ticket for their September 12th drawing; first it was believed to be a group of nurses, then there was word of an electrician taking top prize, but in the end it was a couple who came forward to claim the second-largest jackpot in the province's history in a ceremony at the Alt Hotel in downtown St. John's—the jackpot? \$18,243,990. The winners Nicole Parsons, a human resources manager, and Francois-Xavier Morency, a manager with a local shipping company. Nicole bought the ticket with random numbers at the Circle K Irving on Frecker Drive in the city's west end. Parsons says she put off checking her tickets because she wanted to delay the disappointment of losing. But after three days of waiting, she went back to the same Circle K only to find she was the major prize winner. The couple plan to look after family, buy a condo in Quebec to make it easier to visit Morency's family there, and look forward to a lot more camping, hiking, and fishing, with plans for early retirement.

First Mega Win in Wisconsin

A lucky winner hit a multi-milliondollar jackpot at a Mount Pleasant convenience store, Wisconsin Lottery officials announced recently. A winning Mega Millions ticket for an estimated \$119 Million (\$94.6 Million cash payout) was sold at the Kwik Trip at 4924 Spring St. in Mount Pleasant in the multi-state lottery, according to a press release from the Wisconsin Lottery. Kwik Trip will receive a \$100,000 incentive for selling the ticket. The winning numbers: 25, 28, 38, 59, 62 and the Mega Ball number 22. The win is Wisconsin's first Mega Millions jackpot since Wisconsin debuted the game in 2010, lottery officials said. It is the fifth Mega Millions jackpot won this year.

"We are so excited to celebrate our first Mega Millions jackpot winner in the State of Wisconsin," said Wisconsin Lottery Director Cindy Polzin in the release.

Matching Jackpots

Two Woodbury County residents both won \$30,000 in lottery prizes on two different scratch games. Todd Gerritson, of Moville, won his \$30,000 on the "Bonus Crossword" scratch game. He purchased his winning ticket at Murphy USA, on Floyd Blvd. in Sioux City. Elishia Reese, of Sloan, won her \$30,000 on the "Win Big" scratch game. She purchased her winning ticket at Boji Junction in Milford. Maybe they should meet!



By Guy Williams

Keep On Playin' Pop!

Hi Guv.

My Pop is getting on in years and cannot do a lot of the activities he used to enjoy. One of those activities is Bingo. He has trouble following the caller and tracking the numbers—and can get loud when he gets frustrated or confused. But he will also get upset if I try and help him.

My problem is that he still insists on going to Bingo, and I haven't got the heart to say no. Luckily, no one has complained about him at Bingo—at least that I am aware of. I am worried that it is only a matter of time. What would you do? — Abe G., via e-mail

Hi Abe

It sounds to me like you're handling things just fine. Clearly you are worried about what will happen if/when someone at Bingo complains about him. If it hasn't happened, why be concerned now?

I think your father has every right to get out and play Bingo as long as he can. Should the time come when he simply can't handle it or someone does take issue with his behavior, then you can deal with it. In the meantime, I would suggest that you try and be direct with him about his resistance to you helping him play. If you can get him to accept your assistance without getting upset, it will probably extend the time he can enjoy Bingo a great deal. (Here's a tip: Tell him you just want to make sure he doesn't miss a number and lose a jackpot. Fear of losing out on the cash might bring him

A side note: Studies have shown that the process of searching and finding called numbers during Bingo is a very good activity for brain stimulation in seniors. Staying with Bingo may actually help your father keep his brain sharp longer. — **Guy**



Maggie won the \$1,000 Coverall on her 81st birthday at West St. Paul Bingo Palace.

Hey guys! (And gals!) Write to: Guy's Turn c/o The Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or e-mail Guy directly at 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.

Rising Food Costs

Prices on so many necessary items have gone up over the past six months. Most worrisome is food.

Of all the grocery store price increases, beef and veal went up the most. But they've all gone up: bread, seafood, cereal, vegetables. Fresh fruit, on the other hand, reportedly went down (although not at my store), as did milk (again, not at my store, which saw a ridiculous increase).

It likely won't get better for the rest of the year.

What hasn't gone up is our income. In fact, for those seniors who had part-time jobs to supplement Social Security, incomes have gone down because of the loss of those jobs. Yes, many of us got that \$1,200 stimulus check... how many months ago?

For so many of us, the time has come to admit that we need help. It's not easy, but it's really not giving up any independence. There are many organizations and groups out there giving away food. Have you seen the lines of cars waiting for food pickups? The trunks of those vehicles get loaded with bags and boxes of food, gallons of milk, sacks of potatoes, frozen meat and fresh bakery goods. Other groups focus on seniors and deliver individual boxes of food to the door.

Don't jeopardize your health because of lack of food. Pick up the phone, make calls. Find out where the free or low-cost food is in your area. Call the senior center, all the churches, the food pantry and your state's National Council on Aging (www.ncoa.org). Get on the internet and look for seniors dining sites and Meals on Wheels, senior food boxes, Commodity Supplemental Food Program and "free food for seniors in (your state)."

This pandemic might last for a very long time. Get your food support system in place. It's one less thing to worry about.





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Cutting the Power

Dear Aunt Bingo,

At Bingo I have noticed some players who sit directly in front of the caller and tell the caller during the game the number they are waiting for on for a Bingo or for the Bingo Balls charity game tickets prize, and they win the prize.

Over time, I began to notice they seemed to win more often than one would think. The only thing that seemed to be the same in all cases is that they would sit close to the caller and tell the caller the number needed.

I began to observe the caller, although it is not easy to do when you are a player. I noticed that some callers seemed to be turning

the Bingo ball machine on and off a lot, particularly near the end of the game. When the machine is turned off, the number in the hopper (waiting to be placed in the monitor) would fall back into the machine and a different number would pop up when the machine was turned back on. Closer observation showed that the caller could look at the number on the ball in the hopper by using a knuckle, finger, or thumb and quietly turning the ball. Cheating could occur when the caller dumps the number by turning off the machine and bringing up a different ball which could occur a few times in the 20-25 second interval between numbers called.

One night, a player sitting near the caller kept telling the caller the number needed. I watched the caller as closely as possible, and after the game was over I heard the caller apologize to the player for not bringing out her number. I believe this meant that she tried to get her number but would not do it with me watching so closely. I wonder how often this type of thing happens.

I called the Michigan Gaming Division and complained about the Bingo machine being turned off and on during the games. I was told that there was no rule governing this action, although if there were cheating, a complaint could be made. How does one prove cheating in this case?

I like to play Bingo, but the experience is ruined for me when I see the caller turning the machine

off and on during Bingo play and when Bingo is called but not yet verified. How can Bingo players get the practice of turning the Bingo machine off and on during play stopped? — **PS**, via e-mail

Dear PS,

People sitting at the front of the room talk to the caller all the time. That's part of the fun for them and why they sit there—of course they are going to tell the caller what number they need. But it's not a plot to signal to the caller, it's simply part of their ritual to "will" their ball up the chute and win the money. And I'm sure the caller apologizing was just friendly banter.

There could be any number of reasons why the caller would turn off the machine: perhaps to cool the motor, to be able to hear what someone is saying, or just to give his or her ears a rest from the noise of the blower and the clattering Bingo balls. And if it is not a violation of state gaming law or Bingo hall policy, then the caller is doing nothing wrong by shutting off the machine whenever he or she chooses. It would be pretty likely with as much ball manipulation you're theorizing is taking place that at least a handful of other players would notice and take issue with the caller right there and then. Bingo players are a pretty astute bunch, and vocal to boot.

If the practice bothers you, why not type up a petition, get a bunch of players to sign it, submit it to the hall manager, and calmly explain your reasoning behind it. If the manager sees that it is an issue with players, she or he will likely talk to the callers and ask them not to do it anymore. If the manager chooses not to change the practice, then choose to play somewhere else. (Or, you could just sit at the front and call out the numbers YOU need—just kidding!). — Aunt Bingo

Write to Aunt Bingo c/o the Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or send email to tara@bingobugle.com.



Mary won the \$1,000 Coverall at West St. Paul Bingo Palace.

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 be disqualified. We look forwa 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:

April: Pam Moeller, Little Canada Market Place Bingo; Kim Hill, Marian KC; Bob Culhane, Treasure Island Bingo; Jessica Nadeau, Buffalo AL Bingo. August: James Mehr, Little Canada Market Place Bingo; Karen Hoppe, Marian KC; Sharon Boldt, West St. Paul Bingo Palace; Cheryl Funk, Roseville Bingo Hall. September: Tom Brockway, Little Canada Market Place Bingo; Deloris Miller, Buffalo AL Post 270; Richard Allen Lang, West St. Paul Bingo Palace: Allen Becker, Treasure Island Bingo. October: Teodolo Caudillo, WEst St. Paul Bingo Palace; Jean Schaffhausen, Roseville Bingo Hall; Niomi Crow McKinney, Treasure Island Bingo; Richard George, Buffalo AL #270.



November Winners

Dan Olson.......\$25, Roseville Bingo Hall Sandra Rogers......\$25, Marian KC Bloomington Elaine Zabel......\$25, Buffalo AL Post 270 Robin Stiles......\$25, Little Canada Market Place Bingo

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Dear Cash-Strapped,

Massive job losses, a volatile stock market and low interest rates caused by the coronavirus pandemic has caused many cashstrapped retirees to consider a reverse mortgage. But there's a lot to consider to be sure it's a good option for you now.

Let's start with the basics.

A reverse mortgage is a unique type of loan that allows older homeowners to borrow money against the equity in their house (or condo) that doesn't have to be repaid until the homeowner dies, sells the house or moves out for at least 12 months. At that point, you or your heirs will have to pay back the loan plus accrued interest and fees, but you will never owe more than the value of your home.

It's also important to understand that with a reverse mortgage, you, not the bank, own the house, so you're still required to pay your property taxes and homeowners insurance. Not paying them can result in foreclosure.

To be eligible, you must be 62 years of age or older, own your own home (or owe only a small balance) and currently be living there.

You will also need to undergo a financial assessment to determine whether you can afford to continue paying your property taxes and insurance. Depending on your financial situation, you may be required to put part of your loan into an escrow account to pay future bills. If the financial assessment finds that you cannot pay your insurance and taxes and

have enough cash left to live on, you'll be denied.

Loan Details

Around 95 percent of all reverse mortgages offered are Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM), which are FHA insured and offered through private mortgage lenders and banks. HECM's also have home value limits that vary by county but cannot exceed \$765,600.

How much you can actually get through a reverse mortgage depends on your age (the older you are the more you can get), your home's value and the prevailing interest rates. Generally, most people can borrow somewhere between 50 and 60 percent of the home's value. To estimate how much you can borrow, use the reverse mortgage calculator at ReverseMortgage.org.

To receive your money, you can opt for a lump sum, a line of credit, regular monthly checks or a combination of these.

But be aware the reverse mortgages aren't cheap. HECM loans require a 2 percent upfront mortgage insurance payment, plus an additional 0.5 percent annual charge, on top of origination costs and lenders' fees. Any amount you borrow, including these fees and

insurance, accrues interest, which means your debt grows over time.

To learn more, read the National Council on Aging's online booklet "Use Your Home to Stay at Home" at NCOA.org/home-equity.

Also note that because reverse mortgages are complex loans, all borrowers are required to get counseling through a HUD approved independent counseling agency before taking one out. Most agencies charge between \$125 and \$250. To locate one near you, visit Go.usa.gov/v2H, or call 800-569-4287.

Other Options

If you have a short-term need for cash, there are other options you should look into. For example, many low-income seniors don't realize they qualify for the earned income tax credit, a refundable tax break that can put cash in your pocket. You also could use BenefitsCheckUp.org to search for financial assistant programs you may be eligible for.

Another possibility is a regular home equity loan or line of credit. This type of borrowing requires you to make payments, and lenders can freeze or lower limits on lines of credit, but the borrowing costs are much lower.



by Annie E. Ennis

a recipe without meat. Do you have any recipes for a meat-free

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lasagna? I could make it and freeze portions of it just for me. — Camilia from Winston-Salem,

Dear Camilia,

I recently created my own version of eggplant lasagna. I served it to several "meat-free" friends. They loved it. I also made a regular lasagna with sausage. Everybody at the table was happy. Enjoy. —Annie

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3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil 2 eggplants (about 2 pounds total),1/3-inch-thick slices 4 cloves garlic, smashed and

1 32-oz. bottle Ragu traditional pasta sauce

Salt and pepper

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In a medium-size saucepan heat the pasta sauce over a medium heat; add the garlic. Lower the heat and cook, partially covered and stirring occasionally, about 25 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

In a large pot of boiling, salted water, cook the noodles, stirring often, until tender, about 5 minutes. Drain the noodles and rinse with cold water. Mix the ricotta cheese with one egg and 1/4 cup parmesan, season with salt and pepper.

Spread enough pasta sauce in the bottom of the lasagna pan to cover it. Lay 3 noodles side by side over the sauce. Layer half of the ricotta cheese mixture,

half of the eggplant slices and one-third of the mozzarella on top. Spoon the pasta sauce over the mozzarella and top with 3 more noodles. Layer with the remaining ricotta cheese mixture and eggplant, another third of the mozzarella, more pasta sauce and the remaining 3 noodles. Spread the remaining pasta sauce on top.

Cover the dish tightly with foil and bake for 35 minutes. Remove the foil, sprinkle the remaining mozzarella and 2 tablespoons parmesan on top and bake until bubbly, about 10 minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes before serving. Serves 6-8.

Your comments and questions about cooking and entertaining will be addressed in this monthly column. Write to "Ask Annie" c/o Annie Ennis, 17050 SE 91st Culvert Court. The Villages, FL 32162. So Ask Annie. Don't forget you can E-mail me at aennis@thevillages.net. And let's get cooking.









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PLAY MINNESOTA BINGO!

Editor's note: We have limited information for 2020 bingo events throughout Minnesota due to the ongoing pandemic. We have checked for 2020 dates on all upcoming events. Some websites are holding off on releasing a date and others have not been updated since March.

All 2020 events that we have indicated need to be verified to confirm that changes to the schedule were not made by the organizers after our November publication goes to press due to COVID-19. We do not run these events, we just post them. We would hate for anyone to go out of their way to attend an event only to find that it has been cancelled after seeing it in our publication. Please call the telephone contact numbers provided on each event to confirm prior to attending! Stay safe and have a wonderful fall!

Albertville, MN Turkey Parking Lot Bingo!

Family Youth Community
Connections is doing Bingo in
FYCC's Parking Lot, 5975 Main
Ave. NE in Albertville on Saturday,
Nov. 14 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Park
your car in one of the parking
slots, bring your special drink,
snack, and anything else you
might need. You will get your bingo
supplies from FYCC when you
arrive. Cost is \$10 per family to
play. You MUST register; spaces are
limited due to social distancing!
For more info visit myfycc.com.

Duluth, MN

Christmas City of the North Parade, Nov. 20. The Christmas

Parade, Nov. 20. The Christmas
City of the North Parade has been
a Northland holiday tradition
since 1958. Today, it is the most
attended public event in the
Northland—bringing together
residents from all walks of life and
uniting generations of family with
memories of its Christmas spirit
and fun traditions. Along Superior



Chris and Rachel were Double Action winners at West St. Paul Bingo Palace.

Street, Downtown. (No Bingo! Just a fun holiday event.) For info visit www.northlandsnewscenter.com/parade

Bentleyville Tour of Lights

Nov. 21 - Dec. 26. Experience America's largest free DRIVE-through lighting display! This quintessential holiday event has something for everyone. Visitors will be amazed by the four million-lights, the 128-foot Christmas tree and all the free treats! Children 10 and under can receive a new knit hat and a bag of cookies from Santa. (No Bingo! Just a fun holiday event.) Bayfront Festival Park. For info call (218) 740-3535 or go to www.bentleyvilleusa.org.

Fifty Lakes, MN

Bingo 6:00 p.m., 50 Lakes Bar & Bottle Shop, 40430 Co. Rd. 3, Fifty Lakes. For info call (218) 763-2035 or visit www.fiftylakesmn.com/.

Grasston, MN Sunday Bingo!

Nov. 8 at 1:00 p.m. 15 games with one \$99 coverall, and the last game is a \$1,000 coverall jackpot. You

must play all 14 games to be in on the jackpot. Bring your own dauber or get one for \$1. No reservations for tables; masks are required when not seated. 13646 Muffles Lane, Grasston.

Mankato, MN

Kiwanis Holiday Lights, Nov. 27-Dec. 31. (No Bingo! Just a fun holiday event.) The biggest holiday event in Mankato is the Kiwanis Holiday Lights celebration in Sibley Park that attracts thousands of visitors annually. Families are invited to walk or drive through the route of more than 1.5 million holiday lights. Other on-site activities include ice skating (rentals available), reindeer encounters, an illumination show with LED lights, Santa visits, ice sculptures and more.

Minneapolis, MN

Holidazzle 2020! The 2020 Holidazzle will take place virtually this holiday season due to the COVID-19 pandemic and continued concerns around public gatherings. This winter, Holidazzle will move online and offer holidaythemed activities and interactive engagement. (No Bingo! Just a fun holiday event.)

The 2020 Holidazzle schedule will be released in early November. Check back soon at holidazzle. com to learn more about the activities and programming during this holiday season. Next year's Holidazzle is scheduled to run from Nov. 26 through Dec.19, 2021 (Thursdays though Sundays).

Preston, MN

Turkey Bingo! Saturday, Nov. 21 at 5:00 p.m. Support the local Preston Servicemen's Groups at Turkey Bingo! Giving away over 30 turkeys! PLUS stay for the Turkey Raffle! Preston Servicemens Club, 212 St. Paul St. S.W., Preston. For info call (507) 765-2205.

Prior Lake, MN

Turkey Bingo! Come and Play BINGO and win your Thanksgiving turkey! Bring the whole family! Only \$3 per card for the entire evening! Sunday, Nov. 22 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Archangles Hall, 16311 Duluth Ave. SE, Prior Lake. For info call (952) 447-2491 or visit info@stmichael-pl.org.

Savage, MN

Ice Fishing Bingo! Dan Patch Post #643. We are holding our annual Ice Fishing Bingo on Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Packets are limited to 100 at \$50 per packet, so get yours today; you can purchase from the Gambling Counter at the club during business hours or by calling (952) 894-6940. Prizes this vear include Tip-Ups, Ice Augers, Sleds, Aerated Bait Coolers, Poles, Reels, Tackle and MORE. This year's Grand Prize is a portable Fish House Package! Don't delay, get your packet and secure your seats today! 12375 Princeton Ave. S., Savage. For info call (952) 894-

Starbuck, MN

Turkey Bingo! Nov. 22, 12:30-4:00 p.m. Come to the VFW Post 4582 in Starbuck for Turkey Bingo. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and Bingo begins at 1:00 p.m. 50¢ per card for the first 15 regular games for a chance to win a turkey. \$1.00 per card for the 16th game for a chance to win the makings for a Thanksgiving meal. See you there! Starbuck VFW Post 4582, 212 E. 6th St., Starbuck. For info call (320) 239-2001.

Wadena, MN

in and win a turkey!

Fireman's Turkey Bingo! Friday, Nov. 20 at 7:00 p.m., WDC Elementary Gym. Doors open at 6:15 and Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. 50 games are played. Raffle. Come

Insomnia One of Many Prednisone Side Effects

Dear Dr. Roach,

I was prescribed prednisone 5 mg twice daily, but I had insomnia, itching and hot flashes from it. I stopped after four days but am still suffering from sleeplessness. Has the prednisone had a permanent effect on my body?

— JWSL

Dear JWSL,

Prednisone, a powerful antiinflammatory and immune systeminhibiting steroid, has many side effects on the body, especially insomnia. Hot flashes and itching are uncommon side effects.

Insomnia is more common when prednisone is taken twice

daily. Anytime a person gets insomnia, it can create a situation where they become worried about sleeping, which can lead to a persistent problem, even though the effect of the prednisone is gone.

I recommend some routine steps for treating insomnia, such as avoiding bright lights, including any electronic screen, for two hours or so before bed; regular exercise, if the condition for which you took prednisone allows it; and a warm bath before bed. A mild sleep aid, such as melatonin 1 mg or less, may help reset your system, but daily use is not necessary.

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

News For Noses

Until recently, most of the current treatments for nasal congestion and seasonal allergies were drugs that must be regularly ingested in the form of nasal sprays, pills or uncomfortable nasal irrigators. Each of these has its own side effects and risks. Fortunately, there's a new patented device that uses a combination of acoustic vibrations, and gentle, resistant pressure to help open nasal breathing and relieve nasal congestion, naturally—in as little as three minutes.

Called SinuSonic, it consists of a fully disposable medical-grade silicone nosepiece on a resin body. A flutter valve on top creates gentle, self-guided oscillating expiratory resistance.

A recent study published in the prestigious International Forum

of Allergy and Rhinology (IFAR) found the relief from chronic nasal congestion can be life changing. Eighty percent of participants enjoyed a clinically relevant improvement.

"We were excited to see
measurable positive changes in
both objective nasal airflow as
well as patient-reported symptom
scores and quality of life," said
Dr. Rodney Schlosser, a sinus
specialist and one of the lead
researchers on the study. "Our
initial results demonstrate
that SinuSonic is a safe and
effective treatment alternative
to conventional pharmacologic
and surgical treatment for these
patients."

To see the device in action or purchase online, go to <u>www.</u> <u>SinuSonic.com</u>.

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Westley won the \$599 Even Steven at West St. Paul Bingo Palace.



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Poker Talk



Sometimes It All Comes Down to a 'Coin Flip'

By Chad Holloway

Chances are you've flipped a coin before. Maybe you needed some help making a tough decision, so you turned to heads or tails to help guide you. Or perhaps you've been in some sort of dispute that was settled by the simple flip of a

The beauty of a coin flip is that there are only two possible outcomes. It will either land heads or tails -- it's 50/50. Clean, simple and fair.

In poker, coin flips happen all the time, albeit without an actual coin. Whenever two players find themselves in an all-in preflop

situation with one holding a pocket pair and the other holding overcards (two non-paired cards bigger than the pair), it's referred to as a coin flip. Other terms used to describe the same situation are "flip" and "race."

The terms stem from the fact that each player has about a 50 percent chance of winning the hand, just as if they were flipping a coin. Once the chips are in, it's left up to fate.

A typical coin flip in poker would be getting the chips in holding Ah 10h against an opponent who has 3h 3s. In this instance, the pocket pair has a 49.7 percent chance of winning, the overcards have a 49.7 percent chance, and the other 0.58% of the time it'll there's an 0.6 percent chance that the hand will end in a tie. (For instance, if the board ran out all clubs to give both players a flush, they would then tie and chop the pot.)

If it were As Kc vs. Qd Qh, the player with pocket queens has a 57 percent chance to win the hand. While this scenario isn't a mathematical 50/50 flip, in poker it would still be referred to as a coin flip. In fact, pretty much any confrontation where a player has a 50 percent to 57 percent chance of winning, it's referred to as a race.

One famous poker coin flip happened in the 2009 World Series of Poker Main Event, when the final two players from a 6,494-player field were battling it out. Awaiting the winner was a \$10.3 million top prize, while the runner-up would have to settle for "only" \$5.2 million.

Joe Cada raised to 3 million chips from the button, only to have Darvin Moon reraise to 8 million. Cada responded by moving all in, and Moon called off his stack with Qd Jd. Cada turned over 9c 9d and was a 51.8 percent favorite to win, while Moon would take it down 47.7 percent of the time. The slight edge for Cada was due to the fact that as the cards lay, his hand was the winner, so if the board failed to help Moon, Cada would win.

With millions of dollars on the line, that's exactly what happened, as the board ran out 8c 2c 7s Kh 7c to crown Cada as the world champion.

There's a lot more to poker than proverbial coin flips, but they are among the situations where luck plays a big role. As the pros say, you've gotta win the flips.

Chad Holloway is a 2013 World Series of Poker bracelet winner and head of live reporting USA for PokerNews. com. Follow him on Twitter: @ChadAHolloway.



Grand Prize Drawings every Sunday in November at 8:00 p.m.

Nov. 1 - \$2,500 Cash Nov. 8 - Polaris Sportsman 450 ATV

Nov. 15 - \$2,500 Cash Nov. 22 - Polaris Sportsman 570 ATV

Nov. 29 - Polaris XP Ranger 1000 UTV

Earn 50 points and receive double entries every Monday and Wednesday in November.

Fond-du-Luth Casino

Fond-du-Luth Casino is OPEN 10:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m. daily.

COVID-19 safety measures are in place to ensure a comfortable gaming experience. Until further notice, we are unable to offer food, Blackjack is closed, and we are smoke-free.

Owned and operated by the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Fond-du-Luth Casino is located at 129 East Superior Street in the heart of downtown **Duluth. The Fond-du-Luth Casino** offers its guests an exciting array of gaming entertainment choices for adults 18 or over. Our friendly wait staff offers blender drinks, cocktails, beer, and wines. So, join us and, "Have a great time out at Fond-du-Luth!"

At the Casinos

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MUSTACHE OF CASH! Win your share of \$40,000!

Fridays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, & 27th in November starting at 7:00 p.m.

10 winners will win their share of \$10,000! Earn one entry for every

10 points earned. Must have valid photo ID. See Player's Club for complete details.

1430 Bois Forte Rd. Tower, MN 55790 1(800) 992-7529

Jackpot Junction

PARTY JUNCTION!

All Day - Registration from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

It's back!!! Join us Tuesday, Nov. 17 for all the fun! Must be a Rewards Club member. Earn 15 base points for Dining Dollars.

Also at the Casino:

4:00-9:00 p.m.

SKOL GAME DAY SPECIALS Oct. 25-Jan. 9, 2021. \$5 Bloody Marys every Sunday from 9:00

a.m. to noon. Available at Circle Bar on game days only.

Shooting Star Casino Mahnomen and Bagley locations are open!

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN \$2,500 CASH OR A NEW ATV OR UTV! Sundays in November

Start earning entries Sept. 28. Receive an entry for every 50 points earned. Two winners will be drawn at each hour for a chance to win \$150 cash! And at 8:00 p.m.we'll draw one winner of \$2,500 cash, a new ATV or UTV!

Metro 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.



Video Poker for Dummies

Please don't send me emails about how upset you are over the title of this column. If you are reading this far, then I've succeeded in getting your attention. Now I aim to keep it by giving you information on how to play one of the best casino games, which could result in you winning more money.

Slots vs Video Poker

If you are a die-hard slot player, you know very well that today's slot machines come in all different shapes, sizes, and flavors. The newer slots have high tech graphics and sound effects, game-within-a-game features, bonus jackpots, familiar TV game show themes, and more. However, there is one undeniable fact about a slot machine. It's impossible to calculate what a slot machine will pay back with the information that is provided on the face of the machine. Only two people know this deep, dark secret-your

friendly casino slot manager and the slot manufacture that sold them the machine. So even though casinos may advertise that their slot machines pay "up to 99%," you have no clue that the slot machine standing in front of you returns that much.

Ahh, but standing next to those slot machines are the fewer in number, but higher in payback, video poker machines. Although they look like slot machines there is one major difference. All the information you need to determine a video poker machine's payback percentage is contained smack dab on the front of the machine.

So, unlike slot machines, reading a video poker machine's pay schedule is very important since it will give you information on the machine's payback. And since video poker machines are not all created equal, by understanding how to read a video poker machine you can scout the casino floor to find the ones that have the highest payback. For more information on how to evaluate particular pay schedules, visit smartgaming.com

Playing Skill

There is another important factor besides knowing how to read the pay schedules on video poker machines. And that is your skill in playing them.

Unlike slot machines where skill plays no role, it's quite different with video poker. You will be dealt five electronic cards and you must decide which cards you want to keep (or hold) and which ones you want to discard for new ones (i.e., you only get to draw once). Your objective of course is to end up with a five-card poker hand which results in a payoff. So,

no matter how well you learn to read the machine's pay schedule, if you insist on discarding a low pair and keeping a single high card, or always keeping a kicker, your return will be much lower.

Fortunately, several video poker experts have already computed the optimum playing strategy for different video poker games. These strategies are available in books, videos, and software programs.

However, here's a tip that will get you started playing like a pro. Purchase an inexpensive video poker strategy card by one of these experts and take the card with you when you play. As the hands pop up on the screen, refer to the card so that you will always be making the correct play. And don't be embarrassed if you have to use it; even the pros carry and use them. Playing this way will be slow going in the beginning and cut down on your hourly win rate, but it's a way to get started with minimum study time.



Dick won the Odball for \$1,199 at West St. Paul Bingo Palace.

TREASURE ISLAND BINGO

Matinees

Monday - Saturday Admission opens 11:00 a.m. Warmups 12:15 p.m. Regular Session 1:00 p.m.

Evening

Monday - Saturday Admission opens 4:00 p.m. Warmups 6:15 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

Afternoon

Sunday

Admission opens 1:00 p.m. Warmups 3:15 p.m. Regular Session 4 p.m.

Bingo sessions are subject to change pending inclement weather. For up-to-date bingo information, call the bingo hotline at: 1(800) 222-7077, extension #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

Testing Your Slots Knowledge

By Gayle Mitchell

Are you ready for a "reel" challenge? This slots quiz offers up six questions and a choice of answers. Step up, take the test and gain some knowledge of the slots-playground.

- 1) What percentage of a casino's total revenue is derived from slot machines?
- A. 33%?
- B. 80%?
- C. 65%?
- 2) When you receive a payout for symbols not on the same payline, this combo is considered:
- A. A scatter symbol payout?
- B. A free spin?
- C. A double multiplier?
- 3) Where are the lower paying or less desirable slots placed on the casino floor?
- A. Entrance to the casino?
- B. Near the cashiers' cages?
- C. At the end of a row of slot machines?
- 4) What is a hold percentage? A. Monies held by winning slot players?
- B. % of coins held by casino? C. % of coins through the slots?

- 5) What is a short win? A. A small jackpot? B. A win just before you are running out of money?
- C. A large win with a small cash outlay?
- 6) Slot machines have the worst odds in the casino? Yes No

QUIZ ANSWERS:

- 1) C. 65%. While you may think that this percentage is on the high end, think about the number of slots placed on the casino floor or the varied slot machine selection at an online casino.
- 2) A. This is a scatter symbol payout that you didn't see coming. Scatter pays generally combine with two or more like symbols to reward the player, whether in a straight line or zig-zagging across the screen. A higher number of symbols lined up to include the scatter garner higher rewards.
- 3) B. Near the cashiers' cages. Casinos believe that it is too easy to cash out when players are near the cashiers, so it is expected that you will drop some coin nearby. This is your cue to make a beeline for those cages, right?

- 4) B. Percentage of coins played that the casinos keep in their hot little hands. The looser 98% slot machines hold two dollars or 2%, while returning \$98 to the player. However, remember that percentage is over the long term, perhaps months; while shortterm play return percentages can bounce around more than a roulette ball.
- 5) C. This happens all the time. A large jackpot is hit with a minimal cash outlay. Fifteen bucks gets you thousands. Now that's a long win on a short chance. Take the money and run!
- 6) NO. Many slots pay in the range of 94-99% average overall at casinos online and off. Compare those stats to the higher house odds of certain bets for Roulette (0, 00, 1, 2, and 3: five-number bet is 7.89 percent), Craps proposition bets (Any 7 bet is 16.67%), Keno and Big Six.

Did you ace the Quiz? You can now take that knowledge to play your favourite casino, online or

Gayle Mitchell is an experienced gaming writer, publisher and webmaster.



Puzzle Solutions

Bugle Crossword



Bugle Sudoku

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Jumblers

Jumbles: WEDGE BULKY EYELID CANYON The pianist played for just a few people. His performance was — LOW-KEY





BUGLE CROSSWORD

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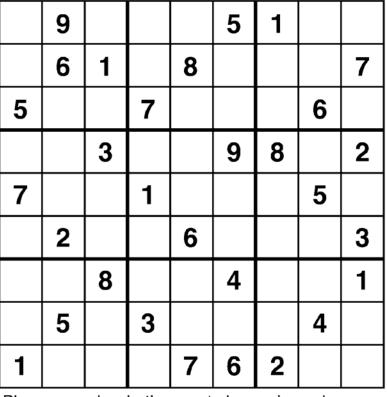
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- 19 Welder's output
- 20 Home improvement team
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- 23 Elder of an '80s-'90s country duo
- 24 Metaphorical casino loss
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- 27 Turndowns
- 28 Perceived Cold War weapons disparity
- 31 Propelled, as a raft
- 32 Words preceding an important reminder
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- 41 Antagonism
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- 45 Remit, nowadays
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- 48 Comes to terms
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- 50 Formal "Who's there?" response
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- 9 Quite a while
- 10 Rowena's lover
- 11 Bouncer's job
- 12 Early Wikipedia competitor
- 13 Icon locale
- 21 Giovanni's god
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- 35 Follower
- 36 Certain youngster's nickname
- 37 Least civilized
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BUGLE SUDOKU

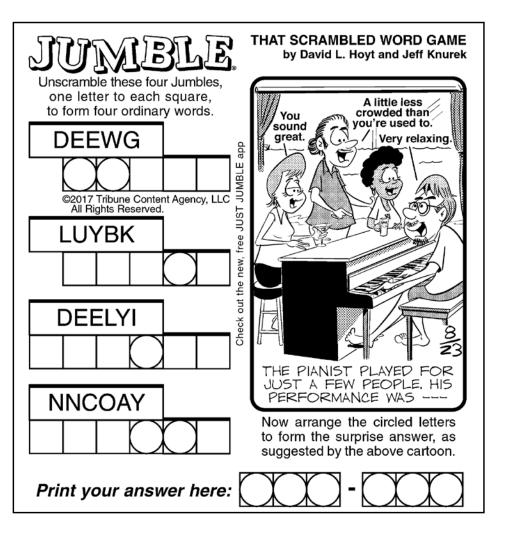
by Linda Thistle



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!



For puzzle solutions, see page 13.





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Friday, November 27, matinee session

The Island is the place to be this Black Friday! Island Bingo will be running a special Cheap Seats session on Friday, November 27. During the matinee session, \$18 packs will pay out \$300 on all regular games. Electronic packs are \$2 more. Keep the fun going and join us for Cheap Seats every Saturday in November during the matinee session.



HALF PRICE EVENING

Every Monday in November, evening session

Get half off all regular packs every Monday during the evening bingo session.

Level 1 pack: \$9 paper or \$10 electronic Level 2 pack: \$14 paper or \$15 electronic Level 3 pack: \$31.50 paper or \$32.50 electronic



BINGO NOVEMBER 2020

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