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Dianre, Maria and Donna are ready to win BIG BUCKS at St Anthony of Padua in East Northport. Dotty runs a Great game every Friday night for many many years info page 9.



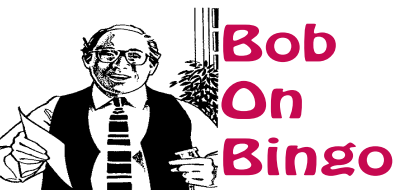
Carlene, Anne, Marilyn all friends from high school are ready for a fun night of Bingo at St Anthonys in North Port. It's their first time playing. So let's wish them a BIG Jackpot!

Happy Mothers Day!



Meet the awesome crew that makes up Friday night at St. John in Center Moriches. These are your Bingo workers, your concession staff, your callers, and everyone in between to make your night a success at Queen Of All Hearts. They run a Bingo and have a great time doing it! All Helpful and very friendly. So come on down and give it a try! Info on page 10.

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Say Bye-Bye Bingo Biddies?

Here I am, a guy in his late 70s, the product of great parents, Catholic schools, wonderful nuns and adults who treated me with kindness. I bring this up because, until recently, I always had a genuine respect for older women—you know, “grandmother types”—women in the mold of Jane Darwell, the actress who played Ma Joad in *The Grapes of Wrath*.

Alas, the more I go to my local Bingo here in Southern Indiana, the more my attitude is changing. I have begun to think of many of these matrons in another light—and as far as I am concerned many are simply “biddies.” And, I DO mean that in the worst possible way. Many have become loud, money-hungry, back-stabbing resentful players. As far as I am concerned, they represent everything that Bingo ISN'T.

The hall where I play at on Fridays and Sundays is the same hall I played at with my Grandmother when I was ten years old (back then kids could actually play along with adults). It was exciting—from day one I was hooked and I still am. But these lovely memories of my kind and gracious grandmother have been marred by a host of negative experiences playing with this

new crop of Bingo matrons. And, it is very sad.

I never anticipated the way many of these older women would act, or the crafty ways they have wrangled themselves into front row seats; demanding that, even though the caller always puts the next ball to be announced in view of a small camera so we can all see it, that they also take the extra step of holding it up so a select few can see the color of the ball before it is shared with the rest of us. They shout at the caller, complain, groan and act as though only THEY matter.

Now, to the defense of these women—many of them have probably led lousy lives—with abusive husbands and children who never visit. They endured hardships...including childbirth. But enduring a tough life is not enough of a reason to assume, when it comes to Bingo, they are beyond being courteous.

And, from the letters I have received over the years I have learned that this problem is not just in MY Bingo hall...it is nationwide. So, bless the many fine, wonderful “grandmother types” that play Bingo, abide by the rules and love the game. Treat them with the respect they so richly deserve. But the “biddies”? Tell them to enjoy the game, stop all the needless griping—or get lost! Life is too short to act like that, and spoil everyone else's time at Bingo!

And, if I have offended anyone this month? I urge you to ask yourself if YOU are the one acting like this at Bingo, or whether

“biddies” are spoiling the fun at your favorite hall.

(Editor's Note: Personally, I have found that people of all ages can be “biddies” at Bingo. Though age may certainly lead some individuals to assume they've earned the right to be disruptive, I've seen younger women get horrifyingly out of hand at Bingo. It falls upon all of us, both players and managers, to guide “biddies” of all ages and genders toward an understanding that their behavior will not be tolerated.) Next month: The Man Who Isn't There Anymore

Dr. Roach

We're told to wash our hands with soap and water for 20 seconds to kill the COVID-19 virus. How long should we wash our hands to kill bacteria and other viruses? — C.C.

ANSWER: 20 seconds is the right amount of time for bacteria and viruses. An alternative is an alcohol-based handrub, which is

fast and effective. Of course, you should wash your hands before and after eating—and after using the restroom. Bacterial spores cannot be easily killed, but they are effectively washed off with soap and water. In cases where spores are a concern (*Clostridioides difficile* is a big one), then handwashing is essential, as alcohol is ineffective.

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.



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

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***** TIPS *****

* Have stubborn stains in the toilet? Put some teeth in your cleaning job by dropping in a denture-cleaning tablet and letting it sit overnight. In the morning, scrub and flush. It just might do the job.

* "Lighten blemish spots on your skin with lemon juice. Just dab on several times per day." — O.M. in Georgia

* "Collect small bits of soap into a cup or jar. When you have several, add a tablespoon or two of water to the cup to soften the soap pieces. When they are moderately soft, pour out the contents on a washcloth, fold it over and press into a bar shape with your hands. Peel away the cloth to reveal what should be a reasonably solid new bar of soap." — C.T. in Pennsylvania

* Save power with this tip: Use cold water to wash towels and jeans. Then hang them to dry — preferably outside, but on an inside line is OK, too. When they are mostly dry, pop them in the dryer on air dry to fluff up. Towels and jeans take the longest to dry in the clothes dryer, and use a lot of electricity.

* Take soap scum right off your shower curtain — spray with vinegar and water mixture, then throw it in the washer. Hang it right back up, and those mildew stains are gone!

* "When canning or doing another job, always do the thing you hate first, then the rest will be easier." — L.D.W. in Illinois

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26 Full of energy
27 Oklahoma city
28 "The Lion King" villain
29 Own
30 Organic compound

35 Fame
38 Hot dog
40 Like some humor
42 Feline
45 "— the night before ..."
47 Smear
48 Otherwise
49 Clarinetist's need
50 Space
51 Fish eggs
52 Santa — winds
53 Frequently, in verse
54 Raw rock

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Lucky Horoscopes May

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): You're feeling the natural potency of your sign as Mars, your fiery ruler, visits you throughout the month. The full Moon on the 23rd inspires you to pursue a new study or academic pursuit. You're attempting to gather information to support your effort to expand your influence and conquer new terrain.
 Lucky Days: 7 - 9
 Lucky Numbers: 45 - 47

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): The wheel of time has turned once again. You're still reorienting yourself after last month's surprising events. Intuitively, you know that there's no going back to familiar terrain. Acknowledge what's past and fuel your optimism by focusing on new interests that will carry you into the future.
 Lucky Days: 18 - 21
 Lucky Numbers: 14 - 49

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): Beauty is your theme this month. Also, highlighting your magnetic charm. With Venus in your sign, your allure factor is amplified. Consider, too, cultivating your home environment

with aesthetic touches that soothe and inspire. The full Moon on the 23rd sparks interest in a new intellectual pursuit.
 Lucky Days: 8 - 14
 Lucky Numbers: 23 - 43

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Your urge to create and present new ideas is brought down to earth by the necessity for security and conservation. Don't obsess over what you imagine to be your shortcomings; that's a waste of energy. Instead, consult with allies for suggestions on achieving your goals. Steady persistence allows you to prevail.
 Lucky Days: 9 - 27
 Lucky Numbers: 11 - 54

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): Your natural joie de vivre is back online, giving you a surplus of energy that's ready to be channeled constructively. But for maximum results, set a deadline for yourself for whatever project you're undertaking. Put away excuses and hunker down to reach a finishing line that coincides with landing an achievement.
 Lucky Days: 23 - 29
 Lucky Numbers: 2 - 8

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): If you're feeling overwhelmed, it's because your array of interests is too widespread, scattering your focus. Exercise your discrimination and pick one or two subjects to devote time and effort toward. By applying limitations, you'll accomplish much. The full Moon on the 23rd sets off your pressure

release valve.
 Lucky Days: 11 - 22
 Lucky Numbers: 9 - 18

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): What social support systems can you create now? With Mars opposite your sign this month, you might feel like you're fighting the world alone. Don't get waylaid by others' blunt reactions. Reclaim your personal power by finding direct ways to express your boldness. Take a risk—ask, and you'll receive.
 Lucky Days: 8 - 13
 Lucky Numbers: 4 - 28

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): Jupiter opposing your Sun stimulates your desire to do something big—something dazzling. What's that about? Primarily, you need to feel recognized and merge your life with some project that's bigger than yourself. This is a beautiful time to undertake studies that involve spirituality or philosophical topics.
 Lucky Days: 16 - 28
 Lucky Numbers: 49 - 56

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): The lens through which you view life is undergoing a recalibration. Consequently, your outlook might seem fuzzy. If you have doubts about where you're headed, it most likely relates to how your perspective is gradually shifting and enlarging. Have faith that at the end of this anxious period, you'll see the world with a fresh perspective.

Lucky Days: 9 - 12
 Lucky Numbers: 47 - 49

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20): Inspiration arrived from an unlikely source last month. However, sustaining it this month will require consciously altering familiar patterns and habits. Rearranging is one of nature's prime methods of creation. Take inspiration from Mother Earth and how she generates and destroys simultaneously.
 Lucky Days: 10 - 18
 Lucky Numbers: 34 - 38

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): Stay loose this month. Don't become attached to one idea over another. If you take a stance, you won't see the merits of alternative approaches. You'll surprise yourself when you discover the pleasure in letting go of previously cherished ideas. Prepare for what will walk in through the "out" door.
 Lucky Days: 4 - 30
 Lucky Numbers: 7 - 19

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): You might feel trapped in a struggle to transcend uninspiring limitations. But breaking free requires comprehending why you became enmeshed or misguided in the first place. Find ways to embolden your ambitions and commitments by carefully considering (and then enlivening) the interests that inspire you most.
 Lucky Days: 8 - 28
 Lucky Numbers: 3 - 39

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Jumbles: STASH MIGHT PREFIX NOTIFY
Answer: The backup quarterback was - PASSING TIME

Differences: 1. Phone is moved. 2. Card is larger. 3. The is different. 4. Chair is missing. 5. Hand is moved. 6. Window is not as wide.

Go Figure! answers

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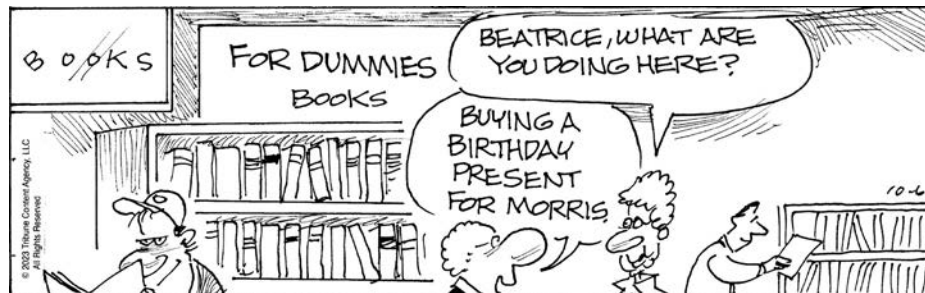
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Christ The King	**On Hold	\$2500.00	7:30 pm	Indian Head Rd	Commack	631-543-0202
TUESDAY	Sponsor	Prize	Start	Address	Town	Phone
110 Bingo Hall	Gathering of Light	\$4000.00	10:30 am	535 Rt. 110	Melville	631-777-6277
Our Lady of Grace	We're Back Ck Ad	\$2800.00	7:15 pm	666 Albin Ave.	W. Babylon	631-587-5185
110 Bingo Hall	Temple Beth Chai	\$4100.00	7:00pm	535 Rt. 110	Melville	
Amvets Post 18	Ladies	\$1800.00	7:00pm	141 Carleton Ave	East Islip	631-581-6913
WEDNESDAY	Sponsor	Prize	Start	Address	Town	Phone
Island Bingo	Colonial Youth	\$4500	7:30 pm	1055 Portion Rd	Farmingville	631-736-8865
Temple B'nai Torah	Same	\$2000.00	10:30 am	2900 Jerusalem Ave	Wantagh	516-221-2370
110 Bingo Hall	Deborah Hospital	\$4000.00	6:30pm	535 Rt. 110	Melville	631-777-6277
Knights of Columbus	K of C	\$3000.00	6:45 pm	2985 Kenneth Pl	Oceanside	516-678-1237 Ex27
THURSDAY	Sponsor	Prize	Start	Address	Town	Phone
Island Bingo Hall	K of C	\$3,000.00	11 am	1055 Portion Rd	Farmingville	631-736-8865
Island Bingo Hall	Sparklers 1 st & 2 nd Thurs	\$4500.00	7:30pm	1055 Portion Rd	Farmingville	631-736-8865
SS Cyril	SS Cyril	\$4600.00	7:15 pm	Deer Park Ave	Deer Park	631-667-6229 X155
Temple B'nai Torah	Same	\$2000.00	7:15 pm	2900 Jerusalem Ave	Wantagh	516-221-2370
110 Bingo Hall	1653 Foundation	\$4,700.00	7:00pm	535 Rt. 110	Melville	631-777-6277
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FRIDAY	Sponsor	Prize	Start	Address	Town	Phone
St Anthony of Padua	Same	\$3200.00	7:30 pm	20 Chesire Pl	E. Northport	631-261-1077 EX 247
Our Lady of Lourdes	K o C	\$1800.00	7:30 pm	855 Carmens Rd	Massapequa	516-541-3270
110 Bingo Hall	Little Shelter	\$5000.00	7:00 pm	535 Rt. 110	Melville	631-777-6277
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SATURDAY	Sponsor	Prize	Start	Address	Town	Phone
Our Lady of Grace	**On Hold	\$0000.00	7:15 pm	666 Albin Ave.	W. Babylon	631-587-5185
Island Bingo Hall	K of C	\$4500.00	11:15 am	1055 Portion Rd	Farmingville	631-736-8865
110 Bingo Hall	Little Shelter	\$5000.00	7:00 pm	535 Rt. 110	Melville	631-777-6277
SUNDAY	Sponsor	Prize	Start	Address	Town	Phone
Ohav Sholom	Sun May 5 th & 19 th	\$9000.00	6:45 pm	145 S. Merrick Ave.	Merrick	866-222-1920
Island Bingo Hall	Sparklers	\$4500.00	1:00 pm	1055 Portion Rd	Farmingville	631-736-8865
Island Bingo Hall	Holy Tabernacle	\$7000.00	7:30 pm	1055 Portion Rd	Farmingville	631.388.1817
SPECIAL GAMES						
Isand Bingo	Thurs May 2 nd & 9 th	\$4,500.00	7:30 ^{pm}	1055 Portion Rd	Farmingville	631-736-8865
Isand Bingo	Sunday May 5 th	\$10,000.00	7:30 ^{pm}	1055 Portion Rd	Farmingville	631-736-8865
110 Bingo Hall	Monday May 27 th	\$9,000.00	7:00 ^{pm}	535 Rt. 110	Melville	631-777-6277
110 Bingo Hall	Sunday May 5 th	\$4,000.00	12:30 ^{pm}	535 Rt. 110	Melville	631-777-6277
Ohav Sholom	Sun May 5 th & 19 th	\$9,000.00	6:45 ^{pm}	145 S. Merrick Ave.	Merrick	866-222-1920

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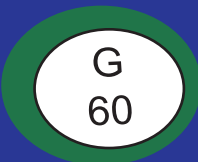
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Savvy Senior



You ask the Senior Question, We find the Savvy Answer!

at Archives.gov/veterans. Here's a rundown of some of the different benefits that are available to veterans that die a nonservice related death.

Military Cemetery Benefits

If your dad's eligible and would like to be buried in one of the 155 national or 119 state, territory or tribal-operated cemeteries (see VA.gov/find-locations), the VA provides a number of benefits at no cost to the family, including: a gravesite; opening and closing of the grave and perpetual gravesite care; a government headstone or marker; a United States burial flag that can be used to drape the casket or accompany the urn; and a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

If your dad is cremated, his remains will be buried or inurned in the same manner as casketed remains.

But be aware that funeral or cremation arrangements and costs are not taken care of by the VA. They are the responsibility of the veteran's family, but some veteran's survivors may be eligible for burial allowances.

The VA also offers a memorial web page called the Veterans Legacy Memorial for any veteran buried in a national, state, territorial or tribal cemetery. This allows families to post pictures and stories of their loved one online as a way to remember and honor their service.

If you're interested in this option, the VA has a pre-need burial eligibility determination program to help you plan ahead before

your dad passes. See VA.gov/burials-memorials/pre-need-eligibility or call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117.

Private Cemetery Benefits

The VA also provides benefits to veterans buried in private cemeteries. If your dad chooses this option, the VA benefits include a free government headstone or grave marker, or a medallion that can be affixed to an existing privately purchased headstone or marker; a burial flag; and a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

Funeral or cremation arrangements and costs are again the responsibility of the family, and there are no benefits offered to spouses and dependents that are buried in private cemeteries.

Military Funeral Honors

Another popular benefit available to all eligible veterans buried in either a national or private cemetery is a military funeral honors ceremony. This includes an honor guard detail of at least two uniformed military persons, folding and presenting the U.S. burial flag to the veteran's survivors, and the playing of Taps.

The funeral provider you choose will be able to assist you with all VA burial requests. Depending on what you want, certain forms may need to be completed which are always better to be done in advance.

For a complete rundown of burial and memorial benefits, eligibility details and required forms visit Cem.va.gov.

Burial Allowances

In addition to the burial benefits, some veteran's survivors may also qualify for a \$948 burial allowance and \$948 for a plot to those who choose to be buried in a private cemetery. And \$231 for a headstone or grave marker allowance. To find out if your dad is eligible or to apply, see VA.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance.

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LONGEST Sea Creatures OF ALL TIME

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2. Blue Whale
3. Sperm Whale
4. Whale Shark
5. Basking Shark
6. Giant Squid
7. Giant Pacific Octopus
8. Oarfish
9. Ocean Sunfish
10. Japanese Spider Crab

Source: TreeHugger.com

How to Tap Underutilized Burial Benefits for Veterans

Dear Savvy Senior, What types of funeral benefits are available to old veterans? My 83-year-old father, who has Alzheimer's disease, served during the Vietnam War in the 1960s. —Planning Ahead

Dear Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) National Cemetery Administration actually offers a variety of underutilized burial benefits to veterans as well as their spouses and dependents. Most U.S. veterans (both combat and non-combat) who didn't receive a dishonorable discharge are eligible for burial benefits. To verify your dad's discharge, you'll need a copy of his DD Form 214 "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty." If you don't have it, you can request online

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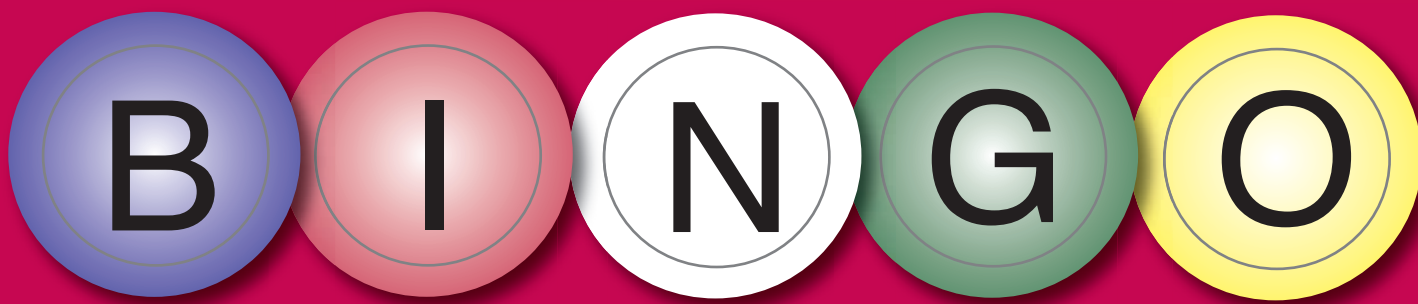
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Studio department
 - 8 Fills with mortar, as tile
 - 14 Invite
 - 15 Traditional slow cooker
 - 16 1963 Best Actor
 - 17 '70s-'80s sitcom roommate
 - 18 "By all means!"
 - 19 Central California county
 - 20 Contract details
 - 21 Slips on
 - 22 Put down
 - 23 Latin I word
 - 24 Pen output
 - 25 ___ warning
 - 26 Formulation in Newton's "Principia"
 - 30 Jokingly
 - 31 "Coming Out of the Dark" singer
 - 35 Height is an exception to it
 - 37 Stylish beach resorts
 - 40 Sanctuary part
 - 41 Eponymous 2001 album
 - 42 MBA subject
 - 43 Part of a name on the 1989 album "Dr. Feelgood"
 - 44 Congo jungle denizen
 - 46 Sprint and others
 - 48 Ice cream baron William
 - 49 NSA home
 - 50 "You had your chance!"
 - 51 Certain permit holder
 - 52 Pitching pro?
 - 53 Mahmoud's PLO predecessor
 - 54 Lose freshness

- DOWN**
- 1 First person indicator
 - 2 Without dissent
 - 3 Rundown areas
 - 4 Revered emblem
 - 5 Brown is one of them
 - 6 Triage basis
 - 7 Lab warning
 - 8 First, second and third
 - 9 Norah's dad
 - 10 Like solitaire
 - 11 Hue and cry
 - 12 Uvula neighbor
 - 13 Regular
 - 15 "Paradise Lost" style
 - 19 Bart Simpson's grandma
 - 21 One whose business is growing
 - 24 No gentle giant
 - 25 Novel ending
 - 27 First book of the Great Plains trilogy
 - 28 Key chain attachments
 - 29 "Say no more"
 - 32 Roller coaster named for a mountain
 - 33 Like some storage shelves
 - 34 Wetsuit material
 - 36 Sonata, e.g.
 - 37 Heave
 - 38 Summer beverage
 - 39 Middle Eastern stuffed vegetable dishes
 - 43 Software whiz
 - 44 They're often involved in murders
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 - 47 Mr. Peanut trademark
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Weekly 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!

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JUMBLE

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

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FEXRIP
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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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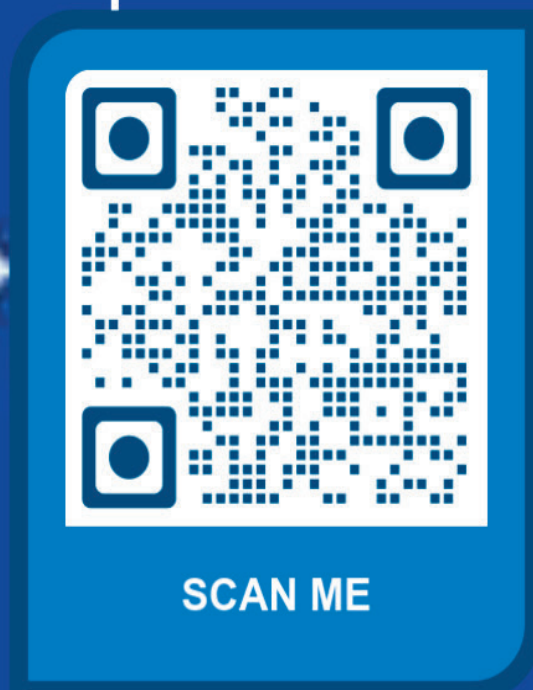
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Small Punishments for Scammers

What always stands out, at least to me, are the low penalties for the criminals who steal from veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The number of scams seems to grow, and one wonders if it's because thieves don't perceive there to be much punishment if they should be caught.

An example: A veteran threatened to blow up a VA medical facility. He verbally told the crisis line and even identified the person he specifically wanted to kill and when. He was found and arrested for making threats and even made additional threats after the arrest. Now, he hasn't gone to court yet, but the evidence is pretty strong. Why, one wonders, would he only be in line for five short years in the slammer? Yes, there could be a hefty fine, but it's the time behind bars that would keep society safe.

Another example: There was the VA employee who stole prescription drugs that were mailed to VA patients. He knew where they were going, of course, since the drugs were shipped from the VA pharmacy and he therefore had the

addresses. He and his pals would break into the mailboxes to steal the drugs, which he would sell for big profits. I think about cancer patients when I learn of something like this, cancer patients who need their drugs on time, not to mention the likely pain medications. The main thief in this scam only received a sentence of 42 months in prison; his scammer pals got sentences of 12 and 35 months. Not long enough, not nearly long enough.

Then there was the guy who convinced everyone that he was blind and therefore 100% disabled and needed some benefits. Turned out he had both a drivers license and a gun carry permit and could see well enough for those activities. Not so blind after all, but his punishment was a few years of probation and some cash restitution.

So where is the deterrence to thieves and scammers when the punishment is so light?



Dear Tree Girl,
I'm glad you wrote in on this subject, and I am more than happy to share your concerns with readers. With gasoline costing more than ever, it is really a wise fiscal move for players to think about carpooling to Bingo—not to mention to work, shopping, or any other outing that requires travel by car.

Online, you can find a calculator that shows how much money you save by traveling with others instead of alone when motoring around town at <https://www.rideshare.com/easy-commute/commuter-savings-calculator/>. Depending on distance, you could save \$1,000 or more per year in gas and auto maintenance by carpooling. Just imagine all the extra Bingo you could be playing with that spare cash! —Aunt Bingo

GUY'S TURN

Unfair fit?

Dear Guy,
I play Bingo with three friends pretty much every Thursday night. We like to talk and crack jokes and bust on each other, because it makes it more fun for us than just sitting there playing Bingo. But there's a group of these women players there that hate us. They want us to clam up and sit there like zombies marking our Bingo cards and not say a single word. They've told us to "shut up" and I think they may even have

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Dear Aunt Bingo More Dough for Bingo!

Dear Aunt Bingo,
Last evening, I was arriving to Bingo with my friends and began to see that a lot of cars pulling into the parking lot had only one occupant: the driver.

My friends went on ahead while I stayed in the parking lot to see how many more cars would drive in with just one passenger. I was startled to see that more than half of the cars arrived that way.

When I went inside the hall, there were very few people sitting and playing Bingo alone. Almost everyone was sitting with one or more Bingo buddies, which meant that although these people played Bingo together, it didn't occur to them to travel to Bingo together as well.

This is a terrible waste of fuel and has a bad impact on the environment. Would you please ask your readers to consider carpooling with their Bingo buddies in the future? It will save them money, and also help the planet.

—California Tree Girl, via e-mail

complained about us to the people that run the Bingo.

We sit way off in the corner and nobody else seems to mind us, but this one group has a fit the minute we walk into the hall. Do you think this is fair?

—Bernie G., Illinois

Dear Bernie,
When it comes to Bingo, different people have different idea about what constitutes appropriate hall behavior. Some of them want the hall so quiet that you can hear an ant sneeze. Others like to be social and talk with friends while they play. As a result, there often will be clashes between the different groups.

What I tell people is that it is perfectly fine to have fun and socialize at Bingo no mat-

ter what your definition of that may be. But you also have to keep in mind that you are in a room full of people, and you must take others' feelings into consideration. Are you guys being too loud? Are you cracking jokes or talking at the same time a ball is being called? If you are, then I am afraid that you are asking for trouble—and that trouble will certainly come in the shape of people scolding you and lodging complaints about you to the folks in charge. On the other hand, if you are being thoughtful to other players and attentive to the game, and these people who are complaining about you are simply grouches who have singled you out just to be difficult, then you have every right to complain about THEM to the manager and ask that they be told to get off your back. —Guy

GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

MAGIC MAZE ● **WORDS ADDED TO THE DICTIONARY IN 1900**

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: A SHIP FOR CARRYING OIL

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| Ball of fire | Flub | Mayan | Plow under |
| Briefcase | Free lunch | Mop-up | Run over |
| Checkup | Glob | Nonstop | Tractor |
| Easter Bunny | Hemostat | Pileup | |

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Sports Betting Goes Live in NC

After several years of wrangling over a sports betting bill, North Carolina recently became the 38th state, plus Washington, D.C., to allow some form of sports betting and the 30th to offer legal online wagering. The governor signed the bill legalizing sports betting into law last June and the twelve licensees paid \$1 million each to partner with an existing Tar Heel State sports team, sporting venue, and/or Native American tribe; the must also "make efforts to" offer in-person betting. Eight of the twelve went live at press time: Bet365 with partner the Charlotte Hornets; BetMGM/Charlotte Motor Speedway; Caesars/Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; DraftKings/NASCAR; ESPN BET/Quail Hollow Golf Club (PGA Tour); Fanatics\Carolina Hurricanes; FanDuel/Carolina Panthers; and Underdog/Sedgefield Country Club (PGA).

Rhode Island Makes Seven

Online-casino gambling launched recently in Rhode Island, making it the seventh state to offer igaming and the first to launch it since Connecticut in October 2021. Bally's is the sole provider of icasino games in the Ocean State; it also holds the monopoly for brick-and-mortar casinos, with one each in Lincoln and Tiverton. The proprietary igaming app features 170 slots and live-dealer blackjack and roulette; the company partnered with Stakelogic, a live-

table-game supplier, for its blackjack and roulette software and the technology for its 4,000-square-foot live-game studio in Lincoln. Rhode Island residents must be 21 to play online (only 18 to play in the land-based casinos).

Suncoast Joins Upgrade Fray

Boyd Gaming has announced a major refresh for its 24-year-old northwest Las Vegas hotel-casino Suncoast. The two-year project continues work that started last year with a new high-limit room and the debut of William B's steakhouse. The showroom will be converted into a stadium-style sports book scheduled to open in time for football season; the current sports book will be turned into a new bingo room, while the current bingo room on the second floor will add more meeting space. One of the table-game pits will be transformed into a 70-seat raised chandelier bar and the casino will be modernized. Of course, a food hall is in the offering as well.



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- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In British royalty, what is King Charles' family name?
- TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features Sheldon's catchphrase "Bazinga!"?
- U.S. STATES: Which U.S. state is home to the Awatovi Ruins, a national historic landmark?
- HISTORY: According to a WWII government slogan, what sinks ships?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of the small principality that lies between Spain and France?
- ANATOMY: Which part of the brain controls hunger?
- LANGUAGE: The Latin word "caput" refers to what part of the human anatomy?
- SCIENCE: Which color has the longest wavelength in the visible spectrum?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary alcohol used in margaritas?

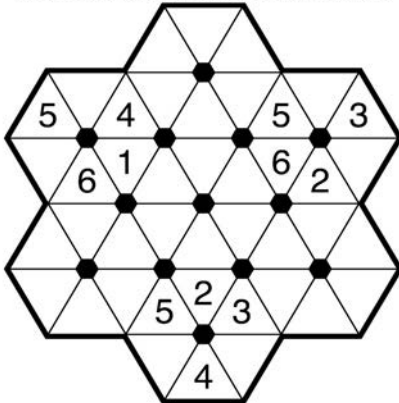
ANSWERS

- Florin.
- Mountbatten-Windsor.
- The Big Bang Theory.
- Arizona.
- Loose lips.
- Andorra.
- Hypothalamus.
- The head.
- Red.
- Tequila.

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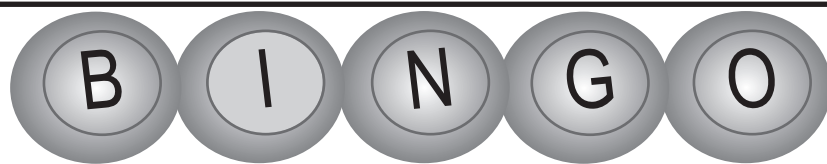
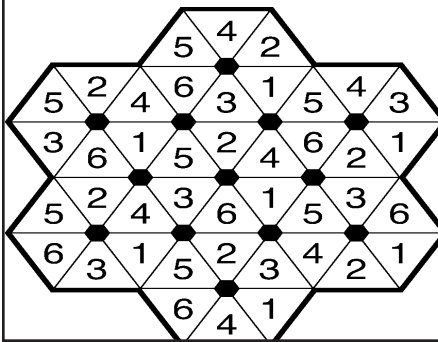
There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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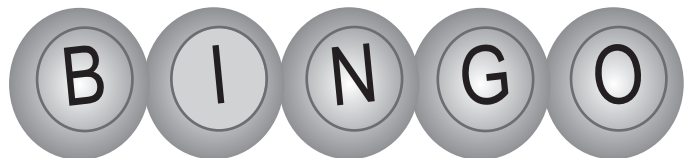
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Spin and Win

In an effort to cater to the evolving fitness preferences of Brits in 2024, Mecca Bingo has introduced a new fitness concept called Mecca Spingo. This unique combination of exercise and bingo aims to help customers stick to their New Year's fitness resolutions by merging bingo with spinning. The concept involves spin instructors doubling as bingo callers and leading classes from the saddle of a spin bike. As participants pedal to energetic tracks, they will simultaneously be able to mark off their bingo cards. Mecca Bingo's decision to launch Spingo stems from a survey revealing that 43% of the nation has made fitness resolutions for 2024, with 22% specifically seeking more exciting workout options. Recognizing the need to motivate individuals to stay committed to their goals, Mecca Bingo hopes this new scheme will be able to inject a dose of enthusiasm into people's exercise routines. Sarah O'Neill, Head of Innovation for Mecca Bingo, stated: "Pace, adrenaline-pumping competition and joy—the worlds of bingo and spin classes have a lot more in common than people may think!"

Recycling Bingo

To celebrate America Recycles Day, Wake County in North Carolina made recycling all fun and games, launching its annual bingo game to help residents learn about recycling and win some prizes. "America Recycles Day falls on Nov. 15, but every single day we should be thinking about minimizing waste and recycling better because it impacts generations," said Wake County Board of Commissioners

Vice Chair Susan Evans. Wake County residents download their bingo game card online and complete activities that help them learn about best recycling practices and available resources. Those who complete a bingo card receive prizes, this year's included a reusable stainless-steel straw with a cleaning brush and pouch. Disposable plastic straws have a huge impact on the environment. In the U.S. alone, people throw away millions of straws daily, which can last 200 years, polluting waterways and sickening animals. In addition to the reusable straw, everyone who plays their bingo card also has a chance to win a free composting bin.

Horseracing Bingo Debuts

In a bid to further catch bettors' imagination ahead of what is annually the biggest week of horseracing in the UK, Oddschecker (operated by FairPlay Media) and B2B iGaming provider Low6 has debuted a never-seen-before horseracing-themed bingo game. Prizes include two tickets to the Grand National, alongside a range of other race-related rewards. Adapted for horseracing, players receive a new bingo card filled with horses for each day of the festival. The aim is to reveal all the tiles, with some runners assigned higher values than others, as well as with points assigned to each runner depending on their likelihood of winning over the course of the week. Stuart Simms, Group GEO of FairPlay Sports Media, said: "This is the biggest week of the year for racing fans, and we're pleased to be working with Low-6 on Bet Bingo to give bettors an extra chance to win now and many more chances to land an edge in the future as a registered and engaged user. The British public loves racing, while bingo is a national pastime."



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