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BOB ON BINGO

By Bob Whittmore

The Birth of Bingo

First of all, MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY HANUKKAH and the all the best in the coming year. I thought I would end the year by answering a common question: "What is the origin of modern-day Bingo"

The general consensus is that what we know today as Bingo started about 500 years ago in Italy. At that time there was a nationwide lottery. It was called "Il Gioco del Lotto d'Italia."

By the 18th century (the 1700s) the concept had made its way to parts of Europe, including England and France. By this time, the game of picking out numbered squares

had changed from a way to make a lot of money to a way to make a little money while having fun with companions. As European society crossed the Atlantic, so did the spread of the game. Over subsequent years, some of the players of the game began to mark their squares with dried beans. Soon, everyone was calling the game "Beano."

Now, here is a name to remember: Edwin S. Lowe. He was a toy manufacturer. He traveled the country peddling his ideas for toys. One night, with too much time on his hands, he stopped into a carnival on the outskirts of a small town in Georgia. He noticed that all the booths and attractions had closed, except for one. It was a small stand where people were laughing and shouting. They were playing Beano.

He took the concept back to his offices on Long Island and in late 1926 he began to produce a kind of home ver-

GAMING NEWS

Unreported Winnings

According to a story on Covers.com, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) examined 48 million tax returns submitted in 2018, 2019, and 2020 after sports betting was legalized and started to expand around the country. The TIGTA found that upwards of 150,000 taxpayers failed to claim sports betting winnings of more than \$15,000. In addition, hundreds of tax forms submitted by sports books lacked taxpayer ID numbers. TIGTA estimated that taxpayers won \$13 billion plus over the three years and amounted to a shortfall of \$1.4 billion in unpaid taxes.

iGaming Big and Getting Bigger

Online-casino gambling is legal in seven states: New Jersey, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, West Virginia, Delaware, and Rhode Island. The big three account for roughly 85% of the total month after month. In all three states, igaming is responsible for a significant portion of the total gross gaming revenue (GGR), which includes brick-and-mortar casinos, sports betting, and racetracks with casinos and sports betting. In September, it

reached its highest percentages: In New Jersey, internet-casino gambling was \$208.1 million, 37% of the states GGR; Michigan generated \$202.5 million, a full 55% of GGR; and Pennsylvania's \$176.7 million amounted to 35%. The percentages have been going up steadily for a number of years and show no sign of slowing; the great expansion of casino gambling across the country since the 1990s is moving steadily into the gamblers' offices, living rooms, bedrooms, and bathrooms.

Wynn Property Sets Sales Record

A compound owned by Steve Wynn (years ago) on Lake Tahoe just fetched \$62 million, setting a record for the highest-priced property ever sold at the lake. The five-acre estate, known as Old Forge, is located on Lakeshore Blvd. in Incline Village, the scenic road along the north lake that's come to be called Billionaire Row. Wynn built the 12,661-square-foot main house in 1994, on 212 feet of lake frontage, with a deep-water pier, a boat hoist, and a jet ski platform, plus a three-bedroom guesthouse. He sold it in 1998 for \$17 million. Biotech billionaires bought it in 2017 for \$32 million, spent \$5 million in renovations, and listed the property for \$76 million in September 2023. The price

dropped to \$69 million last May and went into escrow for \$62 million a month ago.

California & Texas: Predictions

At this year's Global Gaming Expo, the expansion of gambling in the U.S.' two most populous states was a major topic of conversation. In terms of the second-most populous state, Texas has a big enough budget surplus, according to panelists Lone Star lawmakers aren't as concerned about raising revenue as elsewhere. Panelists also agreed that all the progress made in the 2021 and 2023 sessions built enough momentum that gambling has a "fighting chance" to succeed in 2025. California, on the other hand, is still recovering from the bruising and ultimately losing battle over sports betting in the 2022 election cycle. The consensus, at least among the tribes, is that after skipping the 2024 cycle, sports betting will come up again, either in 2026 or 2028. The stakes are enormous; based on a comparison with New York, which has half the population of California and hit \$20 billion in handle in 2023, California could easily generate \$40 billion in its first year. By comparison, that's more than four times as much as Las Vegas Strip revenue in 2023.

— From www.lasvegasadvisor.com

sion of the game. At a dinner party, he had his guests play. When one woman won, she didn't yell "Beano" but instead yelled BINGO. And, as they say, the rest is history.

Lowe began to merchandise the game. But, HIS version of Bingo had a major flaw. He had a very limited number of combinations of cards (24) – and this was before the age of computers.

Sometime later, as he continued to try to commercialize the game, he got a call from a Catholic priest on the east coast. The priest said that his parish was using Bingo as a fundraiser, but there were too few combinations to really make the

evening exciting. Lowe had a religious background, and he understood the need for fundraisers. He had been born in Poland. His father was a rabbi. He studied in the Holy Land. Certainly, he'd love to help the priest.

Lowe hired a mathematical expert who increased the combinations to 6,000.

By the way, Lowe used his profits from Bingo to invent and sell another famous game...Yahtzee. So, now you know.





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by Frederick Woodruff
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Horoscopes for December 2024

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): The full Moon on the 15th opens the door to your unconscious and floods your creativity with images, stories, and inspirations. This is a period of heightened self-expression for you. Balance your energetic blasts with a set of plans that will promote all of your new efforts.
Lucky Days: 7 - 28
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 32

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): Your down-to-earth nature knows how to work hard to accomplish whatever goal you set for yourself. But that tenacity can turn into a rut that keeps you moving over the same old terrain. Explore your options for growth by undertaking a new study or hobby. It's essential for success next year.
Lucky Days: 10 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 6 - 48

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): Consider restlessness in a different light this month. And find a way to accept the more undisciplined part of your nature. A lot of your chutzpah comes from your sharp sense of humor. Plus, we all need someone in our circle to stir things up, and you're tailor-made for that role.
Lucky Days: 4 - 8
Lucky Numbers: 49 - 50

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Your physical well-being is central to your success in the new year. You'll want to implement new nutritional options, including physical and psychological improvements. Regular exercise is essential to maintaining your mellow and relaxed state of mind. Small efforts offer big rewards.
Lucky Days: 5 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 8 - 40

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): Optimism and self-confidence are rising for you this month. But curb any behavior perceived as arrogant; you want to win over confidants and colleagues that will help you lay the groundwork for your plans. This year has a lot in store for you in the success department.
Lucky Days: 21 - 25
Lucky Numbers: 7 - 19

Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Get Smart, Organize Now

Dear Savvy Senior,
I would like to get my personal, legal and financial information organized so my kids will know what's going on when I'm no longer around. Can you offer any ideas on the best way to do this?
– *Procrastinating Paul*
Dear Paul,
Organizing your important papers and getting your personal and financial affairs in order is a smart idea and wonderful gift to your loved ones. Here are some tips to get you started.

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): You're ready to set off an 'information safari.' Last year found you exploring unconventional hobbies and pastimes, but now you're preparing to turn it all into a potential business venture. You're in top form when providing a service to others.
Lucky Days: 8 - 22
Lucky Numbers: 19 - 49

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): The full Moon on the 15th reminds you of the power of camaraderie in your life. You're looking to expand into new social circles in the new year. And that's an excellent plan for satisfying your curiosity and keen social instincts.
Lucky Days: 9 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 3 - 32

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): You've landed in an energetic sweet spot but taking advantage of being in the flow requires commitment and discipline. Thankfully, you function best when a disorder needs to be settled. Gather feedback from a trusted advisor.
Lucky Days: 19 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 3 - 33

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): Believe it or not, you thrive on tension; it stimulates your imagination, and you're at your best when your visionary capacities operate full throttle. The full Moon on the 15th forces you to reconsider how you express your temper. Pay attention to feedback from friends.
Lucky Days: 8 - 10
Lucky Numbers: 44 - 49

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20): The end of the year, combined with the full Moon on the 15th, finds you retracing your steps, both your successes and frustrations in the passing year. Take stock, but don't linger on what was less than stellar. The new year promises you surprising opportunities.
Lucky Days: 8 - 26
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 15

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): The mysteries of your erotic life take center stage. Don't be surprised if you're drawn into an unorthodox relationship. Much of your charm resides in your quirky nature and ability to think outside the box. Apply those gifts to winning over what you want this month.
Lucky Days: 23 - 28
Lucky Numbers: 6 - 14

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): In retrospect, you'll see 2024 as the year you worked hard with seemingly little earth-shattering results – but wait. Remember the childhood story of The Little Red Hen; that'll be you in the new year, reaping the rewards of all of your concentrated efforts.
Lucky Days: 4 - 25
Lucky Numbers: 1 - 11

GET ORGANIZED
The first step in getting your affairs in order is to gather up all your important personal, financial and legal information so you can arrange it in a format that will benefit you now, and your loved ones later. Then you'll need to sit down and create various lists of important information and instructions of how you want certain things handled when you die or if you become incapacitated. Here's a checklist of areas you need to focus on.
PERSONAL INFORMATION
– **Contacts:** Make a master list of names and phone numbers of close friends, doctors, and professional advisers such as your lawyer, accountant, broker and insurance agent.
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– **Personal documents:** Include such items as your birth certificate,

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Social Security card, marriage license, military discharge papers, etc.
– **Secured places:** List all the places you keep under lock and key such as safe deposit boxes, safe combination, security alarms, etc.
– **Digital assets:** Make a list of all your digital assets, including everything from social media accounts to online banking accounts to home utilities that you manage online. It should include usernames and passwords. Use Rutgers Digital Assets Inventory Worksheet (rutgers.edu/money/pdfs/digital-assets-worksheet.pdf) as a guide.
– **Pets:** If you have a pet, give instructions for the care of the animal.
– **End of life:** Indicate your wishes for organ and tissue donation and write out your funeral instructions. If you've made pre-arrangements with a funeral home include a copy of agreement, their contact information and whether you've prepaid or not.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS
– **Will, trust and estate plan:** Include the original copy of your will and other estate planning documents you've made.
– **Financial power of attorney:** This document names someone you trust to handle money matters if you're incapacitated.
– **Advance health care directives:** This includes a living will and medical power of attorney, which spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment when you can no longer make decisions for yourself.

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FINANCIAL RECORDS
– **Financial accounts:** Make a list of all your bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, and any other financial assets you have.
– **Debts and liabilities:** Make a list of any loans, leases or debt you have—mortgages owed, car loans, student loans, medical bills, credit card debts. Also, make a list of all credit and charge cards, including the card numbers and contact information.
– **Company benefits:** List any retirement plans, pensions or health benefits from your current or former employer including the contact information of the benefits administrator.
– **Insurance:** List the insurance policies you have (life, long-term care, home, auto, Medicare, Medigap, prescription drug, etc.) including the policy numbers, agents, and phone numbers.
– **Property:** List real estate, vehicles and other properties you own, rent or lease and include documents such as deeds, titles, and loan or lease agreements.
– **Taxes:** Include the location of your tax records and your tax preparer's contact information.
Keep all your organized information and files together in one convenient location, ideally in a fireproof filing cabinet or safe in your home. Also be sure to review and update it every year, and don't forget to tell your kids where they can find it. If you need more help, there is a 60-page workbook available at 12CriticalThings.com.

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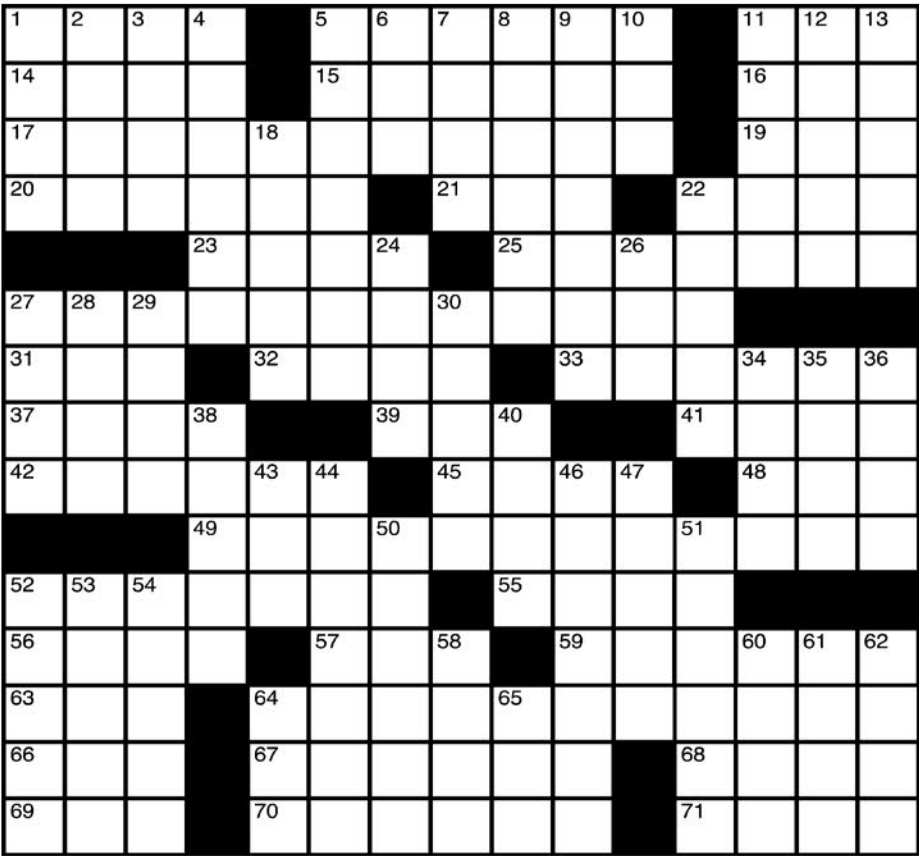


COFFEE BREAK

BINGO BUGLE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 One of a pair in "Waiting for 1
"Handle ___ care"
 - 5 Burns with hot liquid
 - 11 Ex-Florida governor Bush
 - 14 "___ Ben Adhem"
 - 15 Reacts facially to a bad joke, say
 - 16 Chopping tool
 - 17 What snowbirds seek in winter
 - 19 "Mamma ___!"
 - 20 Mecca's peninsula
 - 21 Heat in a microwave
 - 22 Indy service areas
 - 23 "Do ___ others ..."
 - 25 Most doubtful
 - 27 Ready-to-send correspondence
 - 31 Network with regular pledge drives
 - 32 D-Day French city
 - 33 Steak orders
 - 37 Calm under pressure
 - 39 Since Jan. 1, in accounting
 - 41 Folksy account
 - 42 "Bewitched" witch
 - 45 Buster Brown's dog
 - 48 Jamaican music genre
 - 49 Liqueur holder
 - 52 Last word of a verbally cited passage
 - 55 "Doctor Zhivago" heroine
 - 56 Potpie veggies
 - 57 Hydroelectric facility
 - 59 Quik maker
 - 63 Dad, to grandpa
 - 64 Ideal party thrower described by the
first words of 17-, 27- and 49-Across
 - 66 Cutoff point
 - 67 C to C, in music
 - 68 Richard of "A Summer Place"
 - 69 Org. with a PreCheck Program
 - 70 Sets free
 - 71 Facts and figures

- DOWN**
- 1 Electric guitar effect
 - 2 Letter-shaped beam
 - 3 ___ Bora: Afghan region
 - 4 Scrooge's "Nonsense!"
 - 5 Worry about something, slangily
 - 6 Cloak-and-dagger org.
 - 7 Animated bug film
 - 8 Bar mitzvah toast
 - 9 What fries are fried in
 - 10 Ukr. or Lith., once
 - 11 Actor Foxx
 - 12 Freeway off-ramps
 - 13 Savage sort
 - 18 Tipplers
 - 22 Cockpit figure
 - 24 "I'm ___ human"
 - 26 Little lie
 - 27 First fairy tale word
 - 28 Second fairy tale word
 - 29 Trampled (on)
 - 30 '80s-'90s crime boss John
 - 34 Mission Control org.
 - 35 Benevolent fraternal group
 - 36 Salty expanses
 - 38 Center of power
 - 40 Bygone phone feature
 - 43 Pal of Piglet
 - 44 Radio City Music Hall design style
 - 46 Cursory looks
 - 47 Long-legged wader
 - 50 "... near and ___ my heart"
 - 51 Assailed verbally, with "out"
 - 52 Surprise win
 - 53 Bright signs
 - 54 Press conference format, briefly
 - 58 Degs. for choreographers
 - 60 Old Roman robe



- 61 Future D.A.'s exam
- 62 Sicilian volcano
- 64 D.C. big shot
- 65 Morn's counterpart

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Man is moved. 2. Tie is different. 3. Menu sign is different. 4. Hat is smaller. 5. Hair is different. 6. Stool is different.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

INKW GJML

ATLGTQKNJHNVKV NH KWT

ZOHX, IT WODT O WOLX KNBT

LTOQWNHC ATLGTQKNJH.

— OXOB RJHTV

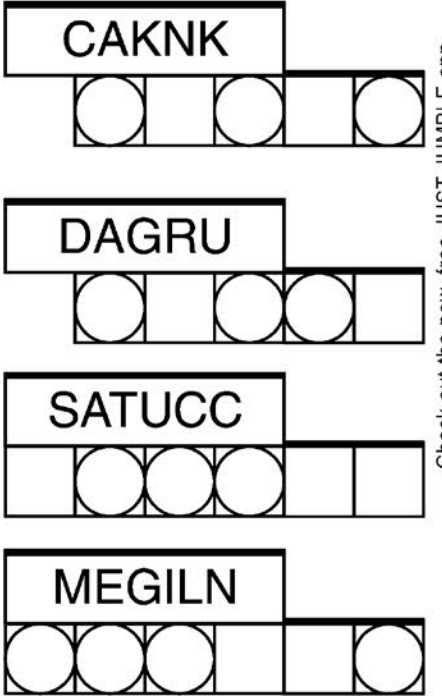
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— Adam Jones
With four perfectionists in the band,
we have a hard time reaching perfection.



JUMBLE

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



Jumbles: KNACK GUARD CACTUS MINGLE
Answer: The tennis player couldn't find his equipment in the closet and was — MAKING A RACKET

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



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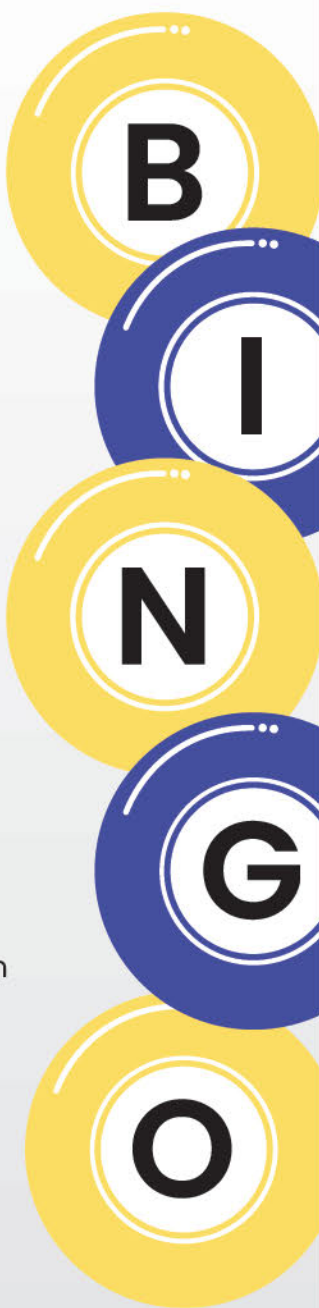
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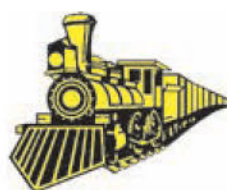
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GAME STARTS

MONDAY	3:30 PM	7:00 PM
TUESDAY	3:30 PM	7:00 PM
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THURSDAY	3:30 PM	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	3:30 PM	7:00 PM
SATURDAY	11:00 AM	2:00 PM
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DECEMBER 24-25, 2024

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December 23rd

Monday

\$75 Buy-In

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U-Pick \$1000 Must Go

Specials \$1000 • Blackout \$1500

Red/White/Blue \$2000/\$1500/\$1000

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Mystery Strip Up to \$3000

Doors Open @ 3pm • Selling Starts @ 4:30pm

Game 1 Will Start @ 7pm

No Reservations Needed

