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This holiday season, enjoy a magical evening at the USS Midway Museum's 2nd Annual Jingle Jets Holiday Lighting Celebration!

Come see Midway transform into a festive holiday wonderland on the sea, dazzling from bow to stern with 750,000 twinkling lights!

Dec. 1, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

(Last Entry At 8:00 p.m.)

Tickets are on sale now.

General Admission Adults: \$30
Circle Level Member Adults: \$20
Youth (Ages 4 - 12): \$20
Circle Level Member Youth (ages 4-12): \$18

Please Note: Tickets are available for sale online only and will not be available for purchase on-site. All tickets are date and time-specific. Once purchased, no changes or refunds are allowed. Printed tickets will expedite your entry process, but tickets on mobile devices are allowed.



Jingle Mingle Happy Hour
Dec. 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19 & 22
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy a fun, festive hour to mix and mingle with friends while enjoying discounted holiday drinks.



Christmas Pajama Party!
Dec. 3

- Dress comfy and warm! It can get chilly on deck. Cozy flannels or festive onesies are perfect for the night.

- Wear appropriate shoes. The Midway is a steel ship with non-skid flooring, so avoid socks or soft slippers—wear shoes with good support for comfort and safety.

- Keep it family-friendly. Make sure your PJs are appropriate for guests of all ages.

Christmas Carol Karaoke!

Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sing along to holiday classics like

Jingle Bells or Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree!



Ugly Sweater Night!
Dec. 8

- Go all out! The uglier, the better- Feel free to get creative!
- Please keep it suitable for all audiences, avoiding politics, offensive language, or images. Santa will be watching!



Members-Only Parade of Lights!
Dec. 8 & 15

Experience Jingle Jets and watch San Diego's Parade of Lights from Midway's Flight Deck at an members-only party. Please visit www.midway.org to become a Circle Level Member.



Take a Photo with Santa!

Make a reservation online to take your photo with Santa Claus dressed in his Christmas flight suit! It's a perfect holiday memory.



Festive Activities For The Whole Family!

- Kids can enjoy a festive Scavenger Hunt in Pursuit of Penguins!
- New Holiday Eats & Treats
- Themed Holiday Virtual Reality & Simulator Rides (Rides are an additional charge.)

- Letters to Military: Spread holiday cheer by writing a letter to those who are serving.

For more information, please visit www.midway.org/event/jingle-jets-holiday-lighting-celebration.



The Holiday Half Marathon is a community event produced by A Running Legacy Inc. The event will consist of a 5K, 10K and Penguin Waddle Kid's Run on December 14 and a Half Marathon on December 15. The start and finish line for all events and festival will be located at Fairplex, In N Out Drag Strip.

A pre-race Health and Fitness Expo will be held at the Fairplex In-n-Out Drag Strip at 2398 E Arrow Hwy, La Verne, CA 91750 on December 14 & 15 from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

5K - \$48.70 until Nov. 10, \$54.00 until Dec. 15

10K - \$54.00 until Nov. 10, \$59.30 until Dec. 15

Half Marathon - \$107.00 until Nov. 10, \$112.30 until Dec. 1, \$117.60 until Dec. 15

Golden Snowflake Challenge - \$112.30 until Nov. 10, \$117.60 until Dec. 1, \$122.90 until Dec. 15

Triple Snowflake Challenge - \$138.80 until Nov. 10, \$144.10 until Dec. 1, \$149.40 until Dec. 15

Penguin Waddle Kid's Run - \$11.60 until Dec. 1, \$16.90 until Dec. 15

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Chula Vista, CA 91921-0277

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Winners must find their names hid-

den somewhere in the paper. Winners must call or email the Bingo Bugle office by the 15th of the month to claim their prize, or they will forfeit their prize. If there is no answer, leave your name, address, and phone number on the voice activated answering machine.

The Bingo Bugle office can be contacted Monday through Friday by emailing bbugle@aol.com or by calling 619-421-5843.

Please Note: Contest entry implies consent for the \$100 winner's picture to appear in the next month's issue of the Bingo Bugle.

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 13 Individual
 14 Field mouse
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 23 Beast of burden
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 27 Human-like robots
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 28 Gun lobby org.
 29 Pessimistic
 30 Noise
 31 Agent
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 37 Star Wars inits.
 38 Raining somewhat

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Answers To King Crossword

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Names of winners #1, #2, #3 & #4 will appear in the next month's Bingo Bugle. Winners must call the Bingo Bugle by the 15th of the month to claim their prize. Please leave name, phone number and the best time to be reached. Entry in this contest implies consent to photograph \$100 Winner.

Veterans Post



The Covid pandemic has been a pot of gold for scammers who want to exploit the critical needs of hospitals and doctors. However, the criminals aren't too bright.

There was the medical supply company that conspired to sell masks that were misbranded, trying to pass them off to hospitals as genuine National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)-approved N95 masks. The thieves gathered up their fake masks from miscellaneous sources and shipped them off at inflated prices. When NIOSH tested the masks, the scam was discovered because the masks couldn't pass the filtration tests.

An alphabet of federal agencies, including the VA's Office of Inspector General, came together in this effort to investigate and prosecute the thieves. Between the price

gouging, the fake masks and the interstate commerce, the authorities had a good case for pandemic-related defrauding and conspiracy.


When the case goes to court, selling misbranded medical equipment alone could net the thieves a fine of a half a million dollars. Adding in the interstate commerce and price gouging could tack on more fines and years in prison.

Then there was the guy who tried to sell millions of dollars of personal protective equipment to the VA. The scam was pretending the company was an authorized distributor of the PPE. They even generated a fake website and email address. The goods that were sent out were non-conforming and the masks were counterfeit.

In one scam, however, it almost wasn't worth the thief's time: A woman was given two paycheck protection loans for two businesses she owned — except she didn't own a business. All she got out of the scam was \$41,000.

The thieves eventually get caught, and we have the VA OIG and other alphabet agencies to thank for it.

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by Annie E. Ennis

SWEET POTATO SOUP

Dear Annie,

How about a recipe for a sweet potato soup—that would make me very happy if you have this recipe. Thanks a lot.

Pat P., from MI

Dear Pat,

I do indeed! Here's my favorite Sweet Potato Soup recipe. Enjoy.
 —Annie

Cream Of Sweet

- 4 sweet potatoes (1 lb. each)
 8 cups chicken stock
 1/3 cups butter
 1/4 cup half and half
 2 tsp. salt
 1/4 tsp. pepper
 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
 1 cup cashews (split in half)

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Bake the sweet potatoes for 45 minutes or until they are soft. Cool the potatoes until they can be handled. Peel away the skin, then put the potatoes into a large bowl. Mash the potatoes. Spoon them into a large saucepan over a medium to high heat, add the remaining ingredients and stir to combine. When the soup begins to boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 50 to 60 minutes. Add the cashews as garnish. Serve hot. Makes 6 servings.

Write to Annie Ennis, 17050 SE 91st Culvert Court, The Villages, FL 32162 or email aennis@thevillages.net.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



"SAVVY SENIOR"

YOU ASK THE SENIOR QUESTION

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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.

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.

--Medical information: Include a list of medications you take, along with any allergies and illnesses.

--Personal documents: Include such items as your birth certificate, 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 their care.

--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.

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, Medicaid, 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.

Nevada Happenings

Food Hall Coming To Venetian

Eater Las Vegas reports that the Venetian will open a food hall in "mid-2025." The Via Via Food Hall will be located "in the former quick-service dining section near the Grand Colonnade area of the resort's casino floor." Tenants so far include Las Vegas' second location of All'Antico Vinaio, the specialty sandwich shop from Florence, Italy, whose first shop is across from Durango. Other outlets will be Turkey and the Wolf, a New Orleans-based sandwich shop (ham and cranberry sauce, fried bologna, collared-green melt, headcheese taco) and Molly's Rise and Shine quick breakfasts, both from James Beard Award-nominated chef Mason Hereford; Howlin' Ray's, hot chicken from L.A.; Scarr's Pizza from New York; B.S. Taqueria, lately of the shuttered Sundry Food Hall out at the Uncommons; Ivan Ramen and izakaya; and a bar, Close Company.

Another Zippy's

On its 1st Anniversary in Las Vegas, Zippy's announced that its second restaurant will open at 4590 S. Hualapai Way, just south of Summerlin and north of Tropicana Avenue, early next year.

Ellis Island Expansion Detailed

Originally announced in April, the expansion at Ellis Island is starting to take shape. The budget was reported in the Review-Journal at \$35 million, with which the casino will be enlarged by 6,500 square feet that will stretch, like Front Yard, out to the sidewalk, with a center bar, sports book, and back-of-the-house audiovisual area, and a new south service entrance. Much of the expansion will take the place of the shuttered microbrewery that was demolished earlier this year. New details include the renovation of the Village Pub & Café and the karaoke lounge and a new rooftop event space. The project was initially expected to be completed early next year, but it looks like the timetable will be extended.

Palazzo Villas Return

The Rio opened its Palazzo Villas in 1998 amidst a lot of high-end action in Las Vegas (Bellagio debuted that year, with the Venetian, Paris, and Mandalay Bay putting on their finishing touches to open in 1999). The nine-unit complex, the first high-roller suites to be separate from the hotel, cost \$55 million, a princely sum at the time. The suites range from 2,000-square-foot one-bedrooms to a 14,000-square-foot six-bedroom super suite (reportedly, all nine palazzos can be combined to create one 18-bedroom mansion). Ironically, the Palazzo Villas were built by Marnell, the original developer of the Rio, and opened mere months after Harrah's (now Caesars) Entertainment bought the Rio for \$880 million, then quickly divested the place of its whale business. Caesars finally shut down the Villas in 2019, but now new-owner Dreamscape has reopened them. The one-bedrooms start at \$3,500, the three-bedrooms \$5,000, and the six bedroom \$6,000.

—Reporting by www.lasvegasadvisor.com

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Keeping Our Balance

How long can you stand on one leg? This balance ability is a good indicator of how we're aging...or so say several researchers.

Some researchers pay attention to this standing business because they think it indicates longevity. Others think a lack of that ability can point to a cognitive decline.

If you want to check your balance: stand up, keep your eyes open, don't hold onto anything, stand on one leg without any support, lift one leg off the ground, and bend at the knee. If you're between 50 & 59, that standing time should be 37 seconds, between 60 & 69 - 30 seconds, between 70 & 79 - 19 seconds, and 80+ - a bit over 5 seconds.

If you struggle with standing for those lengths of time, there are ways to improve your balance. You can practice standing (using support until you get the hang of it), dancing and walking up stairs.

Take a look at the Mayo Clinic website for suggestions on how to improve your balance in general. At mayoclinic.org, do a search for "balance exercises," where you'll find dozens of articles. Pay attention to the ones that talk about strengthening your core muscles — your lower back, hips, stomach and pelvis. The good news about core exercises is that you can do them at home and don't need to go to the gym.

For added ideas, check out YouTube videos (youtube.com) for senior exercises.

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#4 \$25 Winner - Jackie France of Santa Maria, Chumash Casino

#3 \$50 Winner - Mariah Escobedo of Lompoc, Chumash Casino

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Santa Barbara Museum Of Natural History Events

The Santa Barbara Museum Of Natural History is located at 2559 Puesta del Sol in Santa Barbara. The phone number is 805-682-4711.

The Sea Center is located at 211 Stearns Wharf in Santa Barbara, and their phone number is 805-962-2526.

The Museum and Sea Center offers unique, hands-on programs providing enrichment on a wide range of scientific topics to encourage the understanding and appreciation of the natural world. Explore the educational opportunities below.

The Art of Science: Drawing Big Cats & Wild Dogs At The Museum | John And Peggy Maximus Gallery
Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 9, 23 & 30
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Has it been a while since you stretched your creative muscles? Leap back into art with inspiration from the antique hand-colored lithographs of Big Cats & Wild Dogs. School Programs Specialist Amihan leads this series of short, casual, and thoughtful drawing sessions in Maximus Gallery.



Basic materials will be available, but you're welcome to bring your own drawing boards and utensils (pencils only, please).

This session is best for art lovers age eight and up. Included with Museum admission.

Questions? Contact Amihan at afranada@sbnature2.org.



FREE Astronomy Talk: Black Holes & White Dwarfs At the Museum | Fleischmann Auditorium
Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Curious about the supermassive black hole at the center of our galaxy? Wondering what will happen when the Sun's core collapses, forming a white dwarf? Explore these fascinating phenomena during this FREE astronomy talk presented by the Santa Barbara Astronomical Unit. Astronomy lovers will be treated to a double feature of talks with Farshad Barman, Ph.D. and Sean Kelly, Ph.D.

Dr. Barman will draw on his research in the mathematics of astrodynamics, showing the results of his simulations of the orbits of several stars around Sagittarius A*, (the abovementioned black hole). Dr. Kelly will talk about the Sun's likely future as a white dwarf, after it's finally spent all its nuclear fuel. Find out what we've learned in the last 100 years about this strange and wonderful stage of development in the life of a star.

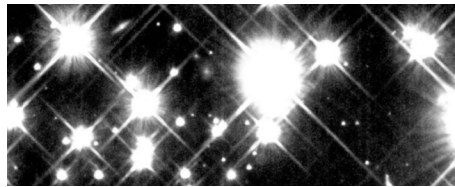
Barman received his doctorate in electrical engineering from UCSB in 1979. After working in that field for several years, he received his master's degree in mathematics and taught math at Portland Community College until his retirement in 2015. Kelly earned his bachelor's in physics at UCSB and his master's in science at New York University. He completed his dissertation, titled "Morphology and Photocatalysis of Titanium Dioxide Aerogels," at the Graduate School and University Center,

CUNY. He is currently an astronomy professor at Santa Barbara City College.

This double feature of talks starts at 7:30 p.m., but astronomy-lovers are invited to mix and mingle before the lecture and enjoy a 7:00 p.m. planetarium show in Gladwin Planetarium. Planetarium seats are limited, so show up early if you want to be sure of a seat.

No tickets or reservations required. Questions? Contact Director of Education Rosina Garcia at rgarcia@sbnature2.org or 805-682-4711 ext. 172.

Hubble Space Telescope image of ancient white dwarf stars by NASA and H. Richer (University of British Columbia)



Museum & Sea Center Close Early For Celebration
Dec. 8, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Museum and Sea Center will close at 3:30 p.m. on December 8 so staff can attend our holiday party and watch the Parade of Lights from the Sea Center.

Sound fun? Join our team.

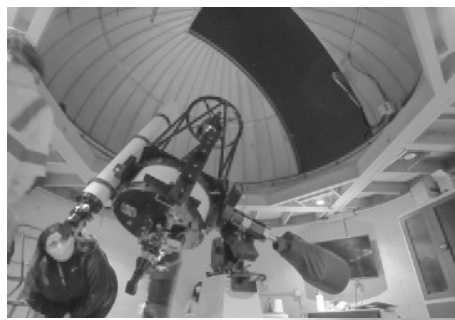
The Museum will reopen at 10:00 a.m. on December 9. The Sea Center will reopen at noon.

Star Party At The Museum | Palmer Observatory
Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

The Palmer Observatory will open its doors and its roof to share a view of the wonders of the night sky through their state-of-the-art 20-inch telescope. Join Museum Astronomy Programs staff and members of the Santa Barbara Astronomical Unit for an evening of craters on the Moon, nebulae, galaxies and more.

This event is FREE and appropriate for all audiences. No tickets or registration required. The Star Party may be cancelled due to cloudy skies or rain.

Questions? Contact Astronomy Programs Manager John Winckowski at jwinckowski@sbnature2.org or 805-682-4711 ext. 164.



Astronomy After Hours: Member Planetarium Shows At The Museum | Gladwin Planetarium
Dec. 20, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Members, come join us for exclusive access to the Gladwin Planetarium. Each month, our Astronomy Programs presenters will guide you through a special topic presentation with a different focus prepared just for you! Journey through the cosmos with stunning visuals and the latest news in astronomy. Recommended for ages five and up.

December 20: Exploring Trans-Neptunian Objects

Learn more about the icy worlds at the edge of our solar system

known as trans-Neptunian objects (TNOs). Discover these TNOs including the former planet Pluto, the massive Eris, and the icy methane covered Makemake during this planetarium presentation.

Space is infinite but planetarium seats are not—reserve spots while they last. Registration link coming soon, allowing you to choose from four 20-minute shows starting at 5:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., or 6:30 p.m. Be prepared for staff to check your membership card and be ready to enter 10 minutes in advance.

For more information, please contact Director of Education Rosina Garcia at rgarcia@sbnature2.org. For questions regarding membership, please contact our membership department at membership@sbnature2.org.



Museum & Sea Center Closed
Dec. 24, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Jan. 1, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Museum and Sea Center will be closed on these days.

Astronomy After Hours: Member Planetarium Shows At The Museum | Gladwin Planetarium
Jan. 17, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Members, come join us for exclusive access to the Gladwin Planetarium. Each month, our Astronomy Programs presenters will guide you through a special topic presentation with a different focus prepared just for you! Journey through the cosmos with stunning visuals and the latest news in astronomy. Follow along with the series to explore the vast possibilities of space. Recommended for ages five and up.

January 17: What's Up With The Sun?

Why have we had so much solar activity this year? Why have you been able to see the auroras in Santa Barbara? Answer these questions and more as we discover the Sun's year of solar maximum.

Space is infinite but planetarium seats are not—reserve spots while they last. Registration link coming soon, allowing you to choose from four 20-minute shows starting at 5:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., or 6:30 p.m. Be prepared for staff to check your membership card and be ready to enter 10 minutes in advance.

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Gaming News

iGaming Big & 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 race-tracks 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 it 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

#2 \$75 Winner - Dan Thomas of Lompoc, Chumash Casino

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#1 \$100 Winner - Mike Rangel of Goleta, No Game Listed



ZOOLOGISTS Begins
Dec. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, Jan. 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12
4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

See the Zoo in a whole new light! ZooLights is back with all-new light displays. Enjoy this immersive holiday experience featuring thousands of handcrafted silk-covered lanterns aglow with more than 50,000 LED bulbs. Walk through the Zoo and enjoy the illuminated lanterns showcasing animal and nature scenes that represent wild places.



Early Close Days
Dec. 24 & 25
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
The Zoo will be OPEN on these

days. General Admission until 2:30 p.m.; SB Zoo Member Admission until 3:00 p.m. SB Zoo will close at 3:30 p.m.

Reservations are required for all guests, including SB Zoo Members.

Snow Leopard Festival
Jan. 26, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Early 9:00 a.m. Entry For SB Zoo Members Only.

A rare blizzard hits the Zoo with 80 tons of snow for sledding and snow play for this frosty festival. The snow leopard and other animals play in the snow and there are fun activities for all ages.

Cost: reservation with paid admission or SB Zoo Membership is required for entry, additional fee (\$10/pass, \$8/pass for SB Zoo Members) for sledding pass. Sledding is for ages 2 - 12 only. Make reservations online.

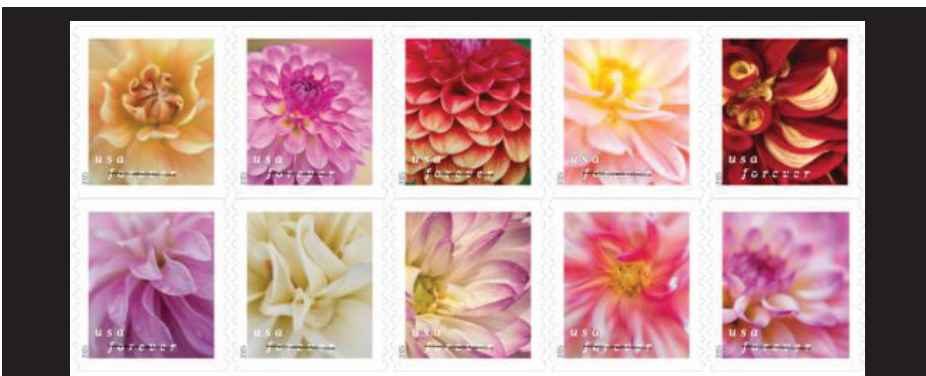
The Santa Barbara Zoo is located



at 500 Niños Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93103.

For more details, please call 805-962-5339 or visit www.SBZoo.org.

SEE THE BINGO BUGLE SANTA BARBARA/VENTURA COUNTIES ISSUES AT WWW.BINGOBUGLE138.COM.



Dahlias

Dahlias are beloved additions to backyard gardens and formal venues alike. This issuance includes 10 close-up photographs of dahlia blossoms. Greg Breeding, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps using photographs by Denise Ippolito.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA BINGO
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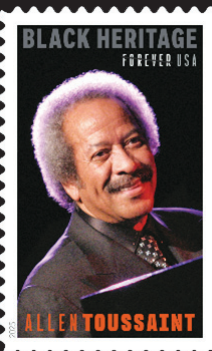
U.S. Postal Service Reveals Stamps For 2025

Lunar New Year: Year of the Snake



This is the sixth stamp in the current Lunar New Year series, where each entry features a mask, calling to mind the decorated masks used in the dragon or lion dances often performed during Lunar New Year parades. For Year of the Snake, designer Camille Chew constructed a three-dimensional snake mask out of hand-printed paper, then cut, scored and folded it into shape. After the front was embellished with acrylic paint and additional paper elements, the back was covered with a layer of papier-mâché. Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp from a photograph of the mask by Sally Andersen-Bruce.

Black Heritage: Allen Toussaint



In recent years, the Black Heritage series has celebrated a man one year and a woman the next. Next year, the 48th stamp in the series will honor Allen Toussaint (1938–2015), the virtuoso pianist, singer, songwriter, composer, arranger and producer responsible for scores of hits across multiple genres. Designed by Ethel Kessler, an art director for USPS, the stamp features a photograph taken by Bill Tompkins in New York City in 2007.



The Appalachian Trail

Covering almost 2,200 miles of footpath along one of Earth's most ancient mountain ranges, the century-old Appalachian National Scenic Trail is within easy reach of large metropolitan areas of the East Coast. The Appalachian Trail is maintained by a network of volunteer clubs, led by the nonprofit Appalachian Trail Conservancy. This pane of 15 stamps includes a photographic view from each of the 14 states along the Maine-to-Georgia trail with a stamp showing stretches of trail through dense forest. Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps with images from various photographers.

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2223 Eastman Ave. A
Ventura, CA 93003
Visit www.vitalant.org/donate/locations/blood-donation-ventura to make an appointment.
Mon., 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Wed., 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thurs., 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sat., 6:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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PLEASE NOTE: The Vitalant Ventura donation center is open the first and third Saturday of the month for all donation types. Holi-

day hours may vary.
Residents of Ventura County and surrounding counties are served by the Vitalant Ventura blood donation center at 2223 Eastman Avenue, Suite A, Ventura, CA 93003. Look for the Vitalant flags waving at this location. There is FREE parking and bilingual staff to help Spanish-speaking donors. Types of donations collected are platelets, whole blood, plasma, Power Red and therapeutic donations. The last appointment or walk-in is taken 15 minutes before donor center closes.

Vitalant Santa Barbara Blood Donation Center

4213 State St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
877-258-4825
Visit www.vitalant.org/donate/locations/blood-donation-santa-barbara to make an appointment.
Mon., 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tues., 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wed., 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thurs., 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sat., 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Sun., 7:30 am - 1:30 p.m.
The Vitalant Santa Barbara blood donation center is located at 4213 State St., Santa Barbara, CA 93110. Look for a three-story

building with lots of windows and the Vitalant sign out front. This blood donation center serves Santa Barbara and the neighborhoods of Oak Park, Upper East, Samarkand, Hitchcock, North State, San Roque and East San Roque. FREE parking is available in the lot. They have bilingual Spanish-speaking staff here to assist donors. Come on in and save lives by giving one of the donation types collected: whole blood, Power Red, platelets, plasma and therapeutic donations.



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(Halftime Drawing Is From December 14 Receipts.)

— DEC. 21 —
Get 2 FREE Bonus Packs With Buy-In
& 1 Halftime Drawing For 1 FREE Buy-in
(Halftime Drawing Is From December 21 Receipts.)

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 W U T O H I Y E R T D N B Q C
 O N L J B E D R Y V I I E G Y
 F D C A N G U E I Y X P E F S
 W V T Z K C I L M U L P L R A
 S R I P O G L B B N L I I A E
 K D J I H E L O H Y A L C W R
 N W O T Y K C A T G F F K D G

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: WHAT SAT DOWN BESIDE HER

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|----------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Bee Lick | Co-Operative | Eighty Eight | Oddville |
| Big Bone | Dingus | Flippin | Plum Lick |
| Bluehole | Dizney | Greasy Creek | Tacky Town |
| Clayhole | Dwarf | Mousie | |

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: C equals B

RZRS GWPMIW CPGW CRYTGT
 PJ CMFQRS YFR UPZRFRQ LS
 QRSTR JMF, GWYG PSR LT GWR
 WYLFLRF UYFFLRF.

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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
 ATLG TQKNJHNVKV NH KWT
 ZOHX, IT WODT O WOLX KNBT
 LTOQWNHC ATLG TQKNJH.
 — OXOB RJHTV

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

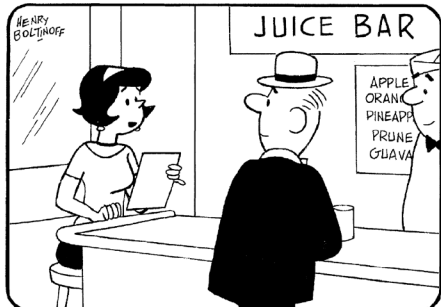
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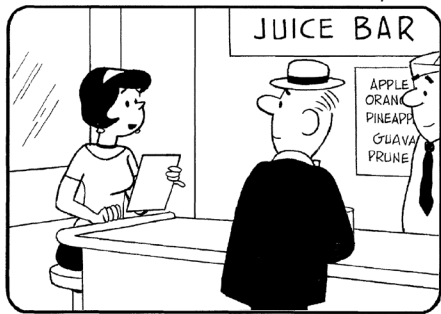


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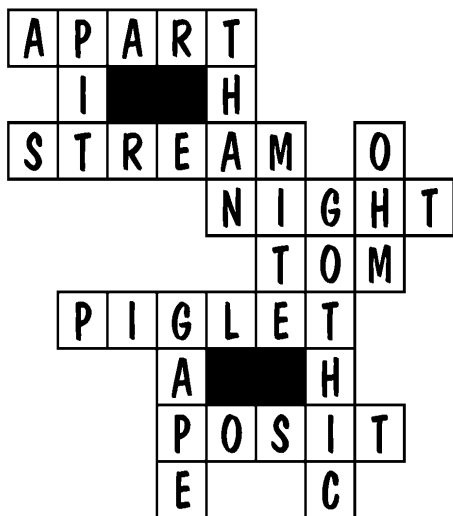
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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

FEAR & KNIGHT

answer



SCRAMBLERS

solution

- 1. Gander; 2. Prose;
- 3. Control; 4. Yearn

Today's Word

APOLOGY



Even Exchange

answers

- 1. Castle, Cattle
- 2. Frond, Front
- 3. Marine, Marina
- 4. Genie, Genre
- 5. Fellow, Follow
- 6. Resign, Design
- 7. Chick, Check
- 8. Lisbon, Liston
- 9. Pride, Bride
- 10. Nobel, Novel



CryptoQuote

answer

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



CryptoQuip

answer

Even though both beasts of burden are covered in dense fur, that one is the hairier carrier.



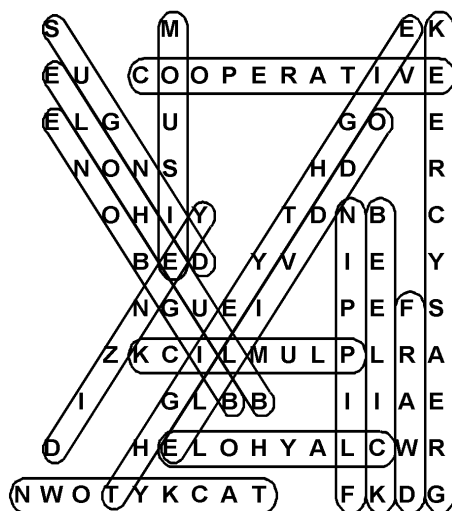
Boggle BrainBusters

Answers:

- SEA BAY LAKE
- GULF COVE CANAL
- OCEAN LAGOON



INTERESTING PLACE NAMES IN KENTUCKY



ASTROLOGY
DECEMBER 2024



ARIES
Mar. 21 to Apr. 20
Lucky No. 4 - Magic No. 1
1st thru 6th - Perfect PURPLE 5th/6th\$
7th thru 12th - Get right to it 9th/10th!\$!
13th thru 18th - Friends encourage the 14th\$
19th thru 24th - Guess not
25th thru 31st - A stretch on 28th/29th!\$



TAURUS
Apr. 21 to May 21
Lucky No. 75 - Magic No. 41
1st thru 6th - Luck's on your side 2nd/3rd\$
7th thru 12th - Cool BLUE the 7th!
13th thru 18th - GREEN grab & win 15th/16th
19th thru 24th - Small chance the 20th\$
25th thru 31st - Serious win the 30th!\$



GEMINI
May 22 to June 21
Lucky No. 3 - Magic No. 19
1st thru 6th - Really lucky 5th/6th!
7th thru 12th - RED delivers 9th/10th\$
13th thru 18th - All day greatness the 14th!\$
19th thru 24th - Easiest 23rd/24th\$
25th thru 31st - Hold off



CANCER
June 22 to July 22
Lucky No. 9 - Magic No. 14
1st thru 6th - Not happening
7th thru 12th - Luck delivered the 7th!\$
13th thru 18th - BLUE becomes you 16th\$
19th thru 24th - Wealthier outcome 20th!\$
25th thru 31st - Keep playing the 25th!



LEO
July 23 to Aug. 23
Lucky No. 55 - Magic No. 32
1st thru 6th - Luck's got you 5th/6th!
7th thru 12th - RED pays 9th/10th!\$
13th thru 18th - Gamble on GREEN 14th!\$
19th thru 24th - Your flame's fanned 23rd\$
25th thru 31st - Prepare to win 28th/29th!\$



VIRGO
Aug. 24 to Sept. 23
Lucky No. 72 - Magic No. 51
1st thru 6th - A few chances 2nd & 4th\$
7th thru 12th - Slight advantage 11th/12th
13th thru 18th - Right up your alley 16th/17th\$
19th thru 24th - Not worth it
25th thru 31st - Nice score 25th & 30th!



LIBRA
Sept. 24 to Oct. 23
Lucky No. 47 - Magic No. 16
1st thru 6th - Take what's yours 5th/6th!\$
7th thru 12th - Nope
13th thru 18th - Good times 14th & 18th!\$
19th thru 24th - In your favor 23rd/24th!
25th thru 31st - You're on fire 28th/29th!\$



SCORPIO
Oct. 24 to Nov. 22
Lucky No. 63 - Magic No. 5
1st thru 6th - It could happen the 4th!\$
7th thru 12th - Looking good the 7th!\$
13th thru 18th - Find BLUE 15th/16th!\$
19th thru 24th - Practical gains 20th\$
25th thru 31st - Prosperity abounds 25th!\$



SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 23 to Dec. 21
Lucky No. 56 - Magic No. 10
1st thru 6th - VIOLET leads to \$\$ the 5th
7th thru 12th - Bet RED 9th/10th!\$
13th thru 18th - Well worth it the 18th!
19th thru 24th - Easy as pie 23rd/24th!\$
25th thru 31st - Avoid disappointment



CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 to Jan. 20
Lucky No. 8 - Magic No. 60
1st thru 6th - Chances increase 3rd/4th!\$
7th thru 12th - BLUE surprise the 7th!\$
13th thru 18th - Nothing there
19th thru 24th - Best chances the 20th!\$
25th thru 31st - Abundantly yours 30th!\$



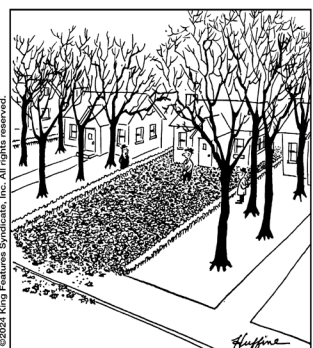
AQUARIUS
Jan. 21 to Feb. 19
Lucky No. 75 - Magic No. 40
1st thru 6th - Show up to win 1st & 5th!\$
7th thru 12th - Keep the faith 9th/10th!
13th thru 18th - Multiple chances the 14th!\$
19th thru 24th - Don't delay the 23rd/24th!\$
25th thru 31st - Winning adventure the 28th!\$



PISCES
Feb. 20 to Mar. 20
Lucky No. 37 - Magic No. 30
1st thru 6th - Serious \$ growth 3rd/4th!
7th thru 12th - Better odds 7th & 11th\$
13th thru 18th - Meet the challenge 16th!
19th thru 24th - Not yet
25th thru 31st - Sitting pretty 30th/31st!\$

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



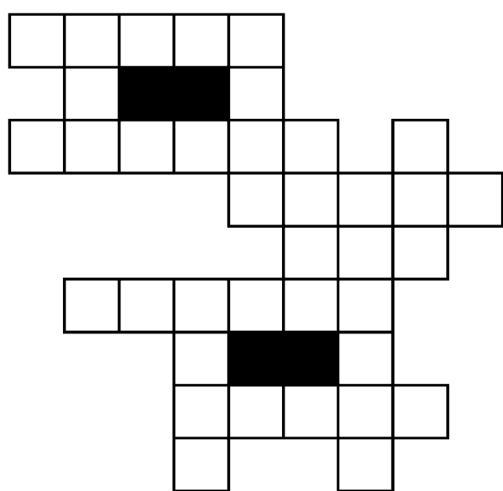
"Jones, over there, and I feel we owe you some sort of _____."

- Glance
- DANGER
- Essay
- SPORE
- Command
- CORNLOT
- Crave
- NEARY

TODAY'S WORD

FEAR & KNIGHT
By: rj johnson
DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

- HMO
- ♥ RASMET
- TAPRA
- ♥ EGPA
- GEPILT
- ♥ MTO
- HNTA
- STOIP
- ♥ TPI
- GHITCO
- ♥ GHITN
- ♥ EMTI



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- 1. Palace ___ S ___ Livestock ___ T ___
- 2. Fern leaf ___ D Forward facing ___ T
- 3. Oceangoing ___ E Harbor ___ A
- 4. Jinni ___ I Rap, Jazz or Rock, e.g. ___ R
- 5. Chap ___ E Pursue ___ O
- 6. Turn in one's notice R ___ Draw up plans D ___
- 7. Barnyard baby ___ I Confirm ___ E
- 8. Capital of Portugal ___ B Boxer Sonny ___ T
- 9. Group of lions P ___ Wedding day star B ___
- 10. Peace prize giver ___ B Work of fiction ___ V

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A ₁	U ₁	D ₂	P ₃	H ₄	D ₂	S ₁	
A ₁	U ₁	Y ₄	N ₁	D ₂	H ₄	N ₁	
A ₁	E ₁	S ₁	L ₁	S ₁	T ₁	X ₈	
A ₁	E ₁	U ₁	L ₁	D ₂	M ₃	L ₁	
A ₁	E ₁	E ₁	U ₁	T ₁	D ₂	X ₈	

PAR SCORE 275-285 FIVE RACK TOTAL _____
 BEST SCORE 343 TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN _____

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

There are 10 names of U.S. presidents hidden in the figure below — vertically, horizontally and diagonally. Can you find them?

D	D	J	A	P	L	T	R
L	R	E	V	O	O	H	N
E	O	C	E	L	I	C	O
I	F	E	H	K	A	W	S
F	M	O	N	R	O	E	K
R	N	O	T	N	I	L	C
A	A	E	T	A	F	T	A
G	R	E	A	G	A	N	J

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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.

	+		-		=	5
+		-		+		
	-		x		=	24
+		x		x		
	+		+		=	21
=		=		=		
11		35		99		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 8 9

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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BINGO BUGLE SUDOKU

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

JUMBLE

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

CAKNK
 DAGRU
 SATUCC
 MEGILN

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

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



Would Ya' Believe?



Avid readers won't be intimidated by a hefty novel, but they'll still surely be impressed by what's been deemed the largest book ever. Weighing more than 3,000 pounds and measuring 16.40 feet by 26.44 feet with 429 pages inside, the book, *This is Muhammad*, was created in 2012 by 50 people working together in the United Arab Emirates.

...Prior to 1949, tennis court grass was kept at 2 inches long — that is, until a player was bitten by a snake. It's now typically maintained at a length of 8 mm.

...Scientists have found evidence of take-out restaurants in the remains of Pompeii.

...Japan has the highest density of vending machines worldwide,

with approximately 5 million machines, or one machine for every 23 people. You can buy everything from live lobsters and bread in a can, to underwear and Buddhist amulets from a vending machine.

...After an 8.0 magnitude earthquake hit Mexico City in 1985, nearly all newborn babies survived a collapsed hospital for seven days without nourishment, water, warmth or human contact.

...Dolly Parton's parents paid the doctor who delivered her with a bag of cornmeal.

...The most expensive domain name ever sold was Voice.com, which was acquired for \$30 million in 2019.

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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 the 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 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 version 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.

KOVELS® Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Q: My sister has a handwritten letter and handwritten envelope dated Dec. 10, 1997, from Harper Lee. Is this worth contacting an auction house?

A: We think so. Harper Lee was the author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1961 and is still considered one of the greatest American novels of the 20th century. Her signature sells well at auctions. Several examples have sold for high prices this year. An autographed bookplate sold for \$130. A typed excerpt from *To Kill a Mockingbird* with Lee's signature sold for \$530, and a first edition of the novel accompanied by a handwritten letter from the author sold for an impressive \$14,400. Look for auction houses that specialize in autographs, books or Americana. Get references before you sell anything. If you prefer to sell locally, you can look for antiquarian book dealers as well as antiques dealers. Some coin and stamp dealers also buy and sell autographs. The dealer usually sets the price. If you decide to send the letter and envelope to an out-of-town dealer or auction house, send it with tracking. You may want to get it insured as well.

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Sticklers Answer

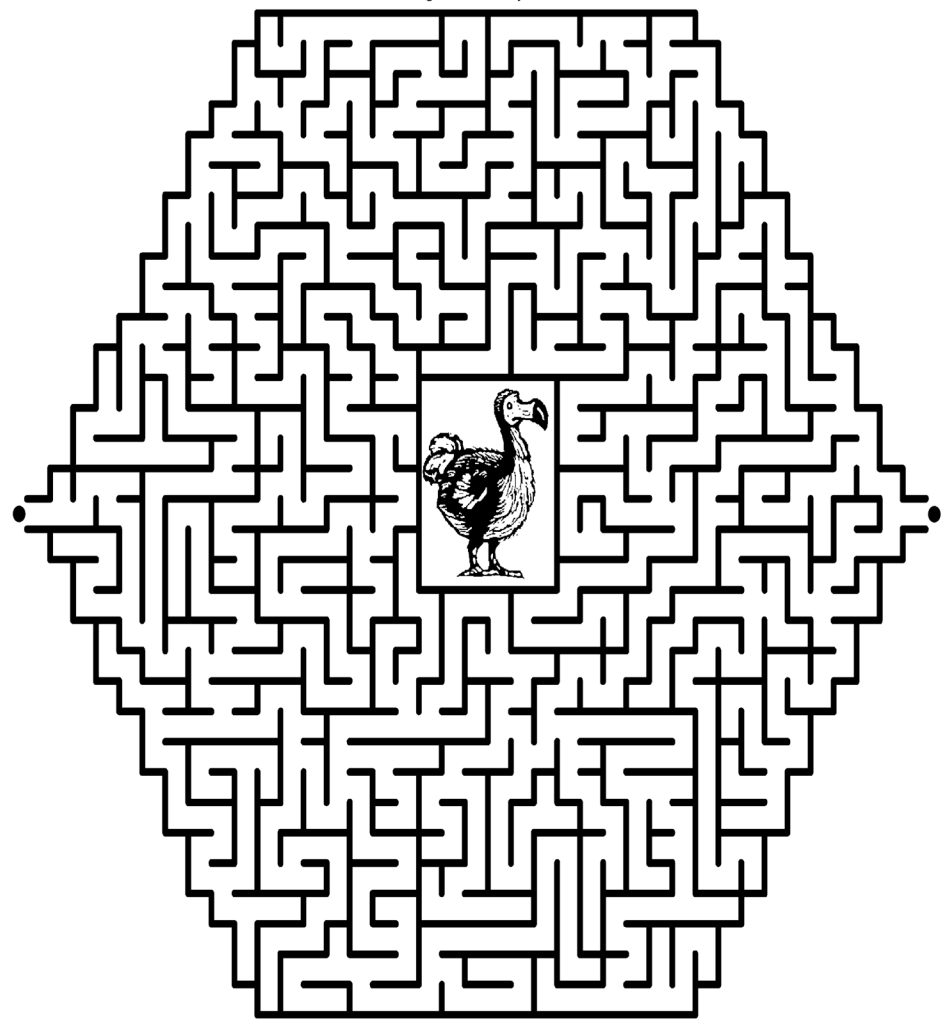
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E	O	C	E	L	I	C	O
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F	M	O	N	R	O	E	K
R	N	O	T	N	I	L	C
A	A	E	T	A	F	T	A
G	R	E	A	G	A	N	J

- Carter
- Clinton
- Ford
- Garfield
- Hoover
- Jackson
- Monroe
- Polk
- Reagan
- Taft

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

Mega Maze

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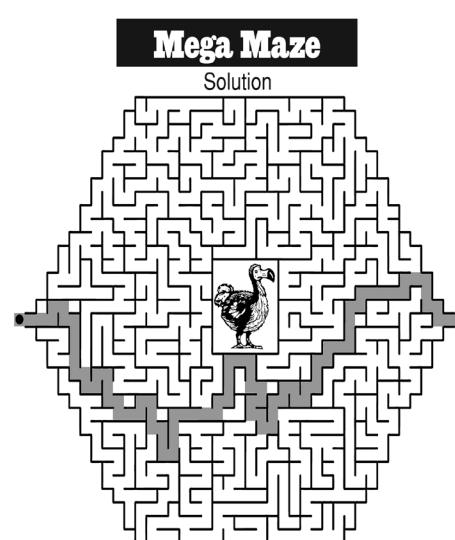
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S ₁	H ₄	A ₁	D ₂	D ₂	U ₁	P ₃	RACK 1 =	<u>64</u>	
U ₁	N ₁	H ₄	A ₁	N ₁	D ₂	Y ₄	RACK 2 =	<u>64</u>	
T ₁	A ₁	X ₈	L ₁	E ₁	S ₁	S ₁	RACK 3 =	<u>64</u>	
M ₃	E ₁	D ₂	U ₁	L ₁	L ₁	A ₁	RACK 4 =	<u>70</u>	
E ₁	X ₈	U ₁	D ₂	A ₁	T ₁	E ₁	RACK 5 =	<u>81</u>	
PAR SCORE 275-285								TOTAL	343

BINGO BUGLE SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

SNOWFLAKES solution



Go Figure! answers

2	+	6	-	3	=	5
+			-		+	
4	-	1	×	8	=	24
+		×		×		
5	+	7	+	9	=	21
=		=		=		
11		35		99		



WELCOME TO
THE CALL
OF FREEDOM



FEATURED EVENT – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY BINGO

December 11 • \$29/\$48 Super Pack Buy-In • 12 games • \$500/\$1,000 prize
All Members of THE CLUB at Chumash will be eligible for our random Christmas Prize drawings after each regular session game. Receive a free gift with buy-in. Donate 3 can food items and receive a free game for a chance to win \$500 in Slot Free Play.

DECEMBER 2024 BINGO EVENTS



MINI MARATHON

DECEMBER 1 & 15 / 1PM

\$66/\$104 Buy-In • 40 games • \$1,199 prize



MONDAY BINGO

DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 / 6PM

\$29/\$48 Super Pack Buy-In • 12 games • \$500/\$1,000 prize



TUESDAY BINGO

DECEMBER 10 & 17 / 6PM

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WEDNESDAY BINGO

DECEMBER 18 / 6PM

\$29/\$48 Super Pack Buy-In • 12 games • \$500/\$1,000 prize



SUNDAY BINGO

DECEMBER 8 & 22 / 1PM

\$29/\$48 Super Pack Buy-In • 12 games • \$500/\$1,000 prize



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY BINGO

DECEMBER 11 / 6PM

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NEON NIGHTS

DECEMBER 14 / 8PM

\$26 Machine Buy-In • 8 games - \$250 prize
4 special games - \$200 • 4 party games - \$150



HAKU SPECIAL

DECEMBER 29 / 1PM

\$29/\$52 Buy-In • 15 games • \$1,000 prize • \$10,000 MUST GO



NEW YEAR'S EVE BINGO BASH

DECEMBER 31 / 1PM

\$55/\$100 Buy-In • 15 games • \$2025 prize

SPECIAL PROMOTIONS

\$2 SOCK JACKPOT

The \$2 sock jackpot accumulates every bingo session until its hit and then starts over. In order to buy-in, you must also buy into the \$1 daily sock promo. Sock jackpot applies to regular session games only. Sock sales close at the start of the regular session. *Not valid on Neon Nights.*

NEW YEAR'S EVE PROMO

DECEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 30

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