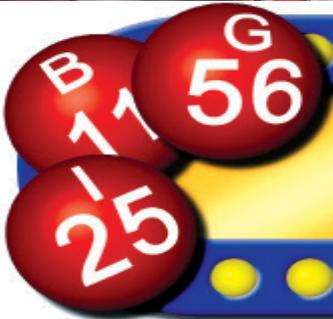


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Judy was ready to celebrate her birthday at Capitol Bingo.

BINGO HAPPENINGS



Local Bingo Events & Great Specials

In the Austin area

Capitol Bingo will celebrate Patrick's Birthday with another one of their big party days, on Friday, February 14th, with 50 door prizes. Then, they have a Customer Appreciation Day planned for Friday, February 28th, with \$5 computers and 75 door prizes to be given away. They always play triple sessions on Friday & Saturday at Capitol. Their ad is on page 2.

Check out Big Star Bingo on Valentine's Day and you'll get some special pricing, as well as a dauber, valentine's candy and a shot at Paul's table races. Every Thursday you could win a week of penny bingo giveaways. They play speed bingo Monday thru Friday, at 5:50 pm, when you can play 5 \$50 games, for only a penny. Their ad is on page 8.

They have really nice early birds at 6:45 pm every night at Creekside, in Round Rock. They also play a triple session every Friday night starting at 7:15 pm. Their ad is on page 10.

In the San Antonio area

Looking for a game in San Antonio.... The Circus Bingo Group has some great games around San Antonio. Their ad is on page 16.

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BINGO LAND

STORIES FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

This month: Busted at Bingo

By Jeffrey Charboneau

Alleged Cheat Arrested

Luck has run out for a Louisiana man allegedly caught rigging Bingo games to win more than \$10,000. According to multiple news sources, John Cook, 43, was booked into the Ouachita Correctional Facility in Monroe, Louisiana, on a felony theft charge and two counts of failing to appear multiple times following his initial arrest, according to a Monroe Police warrant. Police say Cook was recorded on video at a Bingo hall manipulating a "Bonanza Bingo" game by handpicking the balls he wanted to play and then hiding the winner until he was ready to end the game. The warrant says Cook did this four times and won thousands for three people, including his sister. One of the winners was captured speaking with Cook before the drawing and two were seen giving Cook money after the game, the warrant states.

Bingo Cuts Lead to Protests

More than 100 Bingo players broke out in vocal protests in Dublin, Ireland, as the nation's parliament considered limiting winners to just 50% of takings; the balance would be split between game operators and charities under a legislative proposal. Currently, a typical Bingo operator pays out more than 85% of its takings in players' prizes, according to reports. To get the 50% proposal before the Republic of Ireland's parliament, Minister of State

David Stanton offered an amendment to the Gaming and Lotteries Bill now before the legislature. At press time, no decision had yet been made.

Tribute to Mexican Loteria

Whenever a person uses Google for an online search, they are greeted at the top of the page by a "Google Doodle"—a piece of artwork linked to a story about a notable historic event that took place on that day. On Monday, December 9, 2019, Google's doodle paid tribute to the traditional Mexican card game, Loteria, which has many similarities to Bingo. According to Google, Loteria (the Spanish word for "Lottery") was first copyrighted 106 years ago on December 9, 1913. The game reportedly originated in 15th-century Italy, but was brought to Mexico in the 18th century where it rose in popularity among the upper classes, then later spread as a popular activity at fairs.

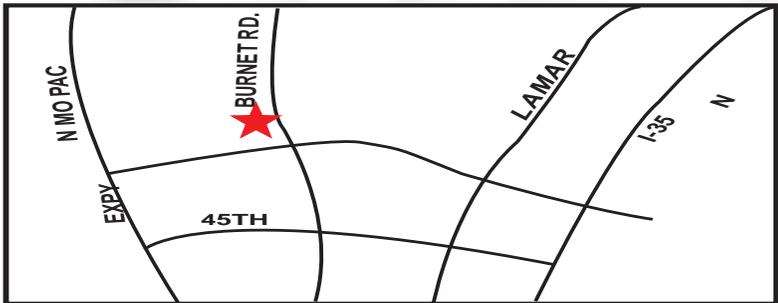
Small Business Bingo

A group of 22 small businesses recently participated in a Sioux City, Iowa, Small Business Saturday Bingo event, with gift baskets awarded as prizes. It was the Bingo game's third year, a local spin on a nationwide event celebrating small businesses. Downtown Partners, a downtown Sioux City booster, organized the Bingo in coordination with participating businesses. Bingo cards were given away free by participants. The proprietors of

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Sunday

Doors Open 12 Noon
First Session 2:00 PM
Second Session 3:30 PM

Bingo Happenings Cont. from Page 1

For Evening games they have:

Circus Bingo, at 3307 Wurzbach...bingo every night. Triple sessions every Friday night. Early bird games starting at 5:30 pm.

Circus Bingo Play-Mor, 919 Pleasanton Rd.....also plays triple sessions ever Friday night, plus, they play every night of the week, with early birds at 5:30 pm.

For Daytime games they have:

Circus Bingo Blanco, 3719 Blanco Rd, Daytime Bingo every day, plus, they always play early birds at Blanco, so get there early.

Circus Bingo Military, 7169 US Hwy 90, Daytime bingo every day except Tuesday & Wednesday and they also always play early birds.

Travel to Bingo

In the Eagle Pass Area

You can get a PHD in bingo, if you are a Players Club member, at **Lucky Eagle**. How about up to 25% off & one free admission pack with your buy in. Their ad is on page 7.

In the Louisiana Area

There's always something exciting happening at **Coushatta** and February is no exception. On Saturday, February 1st they'll play 23 Red Hot \$1,000 games. Need a new T-shirt? They'll be giving them to the first 300 buy-ins, at both their 1 pm and 7 pm sessions. Get their early because they also have some nice early birds. Their ad is on page 9.

In the Oklahoma/North Texas area

On February 15th, at **WinStar**, they will play an all-inclusive 80 game Bingo Marathon, which will include 20 regular session games paying \$1,000 each. On February 14th and 28th you'll be eligible for \$250 at their Friday, Hardluck Bingo. Also, on February 1st and 2nd, you can get 30 free regular game cards with the purchase of any regular game pack and electronic managers pack. Their ad is on page 15.

See you soon and here's to more great bingo,



by Sheri

Sign of Aquarius
Horoscope Highlights

Born January 20th-30th: *Far better off this year than last year at this time, there's enough money and imagination to propel you further ahead.*
Ultimate February days: 3, 11, 16, 25

Born January 31st-February 8th: If no significant change is forced on you, why rock the boat—stay the course and build on what you know.
Ultimate February days: 4, 12, 16, 21

Born February 9th-18th: Strength and confidence increases your magnetism, however, kindness and humor goes far with the shy one you desire.
Ultimate February days: 13, 17, 22, 27



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Rachel says the ONLY place she will play is at Circus Bingo Wurzbach - it's her all-time favorite place.



Adelyn and her son Anthony are hoping for a win on the computers at Circus Military.



Unidentified Flying Objects

Dear Dream Catcher,

I guess this is an odd dream for a 57-year-old woman to have. I'm really eager to hear what you think. In the dream I'm Little Red Riding Hood. Yes, the very same one from the popular children's story. Just like in the fairytale I am going through the woods on my way to my grandmother's house. So all of that is just like the usual story. But then things go crazy. As I start to approach my grandmother's house I start to feel frightened. But I keep moving forward anyway. Just as I get to my grandmother's mailbox and out of nowhere a flying saucer appears and lowers itself to about four feet above my head. And then I wake up. I could not get back to sleep after this dream. Please help me understand it.
Carole K., New York, NY

Hello Carole,

Thank you for submitting your dream. It is not unusual in the least for characters from legendary stories, myths, movies or fairytales to appear in our dreams. Or for some of us to become one of the famous characters, as you did with Little Red. That you were playing out the very same narrative as the classic story tells me that your dream was setting you up, as dreams will do, for the impact and influence that arrived with the shock of the flying saucer. In other words, the key elements of the dream were in place to convey the importance of your journey. The journey being one of discovery and the conquering of primitive

fears (the wolf). When you registered fear in your dream, but continued onward, that was the dream's way of showing you that you have the strength of character for an extraterrestrial encounter. The great Swiss psychologist Carl Jung believed that our culture's fascination with flying saucers was related to a strong desire within each of us to make contact with our Higher or transcendent self. And he saw the saucer's circular and glowing shape as a symbol of unity and wholeness within the psyche. And I would echo this as it relates to your dream. Instead of encountering a wolf (a general dream symbol representing our animal instincts and behavior) you instead made a more daring leap; an encounter with your divine sense of Self. And you'll live happily ever after! —*Dream Catcher*

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



Bingo Land Cont. from Page 1

each business listed on the cards signed their square on visiting customers' cards, with extra spaces that could be signed if a customer made a purchase. With each row of five completed, shoppers were entered into a drawing to win one of three gift baskets valued at \$25-\$150. Those who visit every business and blacked out the entire Bingo card were entered into a drawing for a deluxe gift basket valued at more than \$500. Each participating business contributed items to the baskets.

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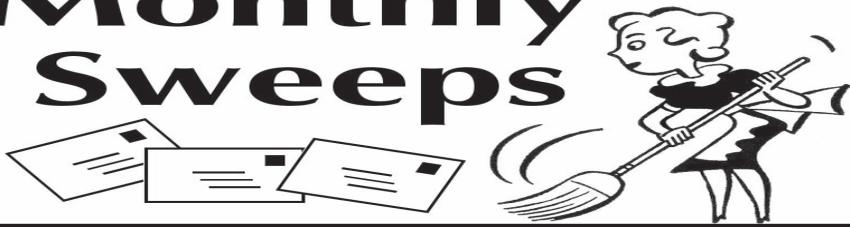
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- 2nd Super Bowl Sunday
- 9th Full Moon ☾
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 15th Singles Awareness Day
- 15th Last Quarter Moon ☾
- 20th Cherry Pie Day
- 23rd New Moon ☾
- 26th Ash Wednesday
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32nd Annual Bingo Tournament & Gaming Cruise



Your 2020 Ports of Call, Part I of IV: St. Maarten

By Jeffrey Charboneau

The 32nd Annual World Championship Bingo Tournament & Gaming Cruise sets sail from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on November 7, 2020, and explores the eastern Caribbean with stops at four beautiful island destinations—St. Maarten; St. Kitts; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Grand Turk.

Your first island port, St. Maarten, is actually part of a single island divided into two—half the island being a possession of France and the other a possession of The Netherlands. The border is virtually imperceptible, and people cross back and forth without ever realizing they are entering a new country. Yet each side has managed to retain much of the distinctiveness of its homeland.

Dutch St. Maarten, with its busy cruise port and bustling commercial district, has long been an active center for trade and tourism. More developed and at the same time more informal, it is very Dutch in flavor and still has strong ties with fellow compatriots in the other Netherlands Antilles.

St. Martin, the French side, emphasizes comfort and seclusion. The luxury resorts found there provide lavish accommodations, and the restaurants offer some of the finest dining experiences anywhere in the Caribbean. Small cafes and charming bistros provide a decidedly cosmopolitan flair and a unique visitors' experience.

Between the two different cultures, Tournament Cruise participants will find just about every kind of distraction they can

think of for a perfect holiday in the sun.

Activities in St. Maarten include deep-sea fishing, diving, snorkeling, sailing, water sports, hiking, horseback riding and other outdoor adventures. One of the great attractions is the duty-free shopping available on both sides of the island. Luxury items from all over the world, European fashions, Dutch and Japanese electronics, Indonesian batiks and Chinese embroidery, jewelry, leather, crystal, liquors, and fine porcelain, free of all taxes and customs, are regularly offered at bargain prices.

St. Maarten is also home to eight gaming casinos, easily accessible by ground transportation from the ship. Other areas of interest include the historic fortress, Fort St. Louis; the open-air Marigot Market; Grand Case beach and village; Paradise Peak, the highest point on the island; and Orleans, the picturesque French Quarter.

The Bingo Bugle Cruise is a vacation like no other. The eight-day high seas adventure will feature marathon Bingo, Blackjack and Slots tournaments, \$100,000 in cash prizes, and the awarding of free passage for two on Cruise '21 to the top winner—not to mention the coveted title of Bingo Grand Champion!

The World Championship Bingo Tournament & Gaming Cruise remains the premiere gaming cruise vacation. Learn more about this unique getaway by visiting bingobugle.com/cruise or by phoning the Bingo Bugle Cruise Hotline, 888-352-2464.



The New Bingo Trio

Last month, it was the beginning of Kate and Paul. Since then they've become a big item in these parts. They ran around every day making sure they made 1 p.m. Bingo. One of their favorite spots is a nearby casino where they love to gamble and eat. They usually had an early lunch so they would have plenty of time for Bingo, where I joined them. We three were great together and I sometimes resented their wanting to be alone—just the two of them.

One bright and beautiful Tuesday we were playing a cover-all when Paul was suddenly on. We all three began chanting his number very quietly as we had been warned about disturbing others. His number came up in the screen but still had to be called. We held our collective breaths and then it was called. He won \$750 and was as pleased as if it had been thousands.

"Let's celebrate," he said. "What can we do that's fun and expensive?"

We settled on the Space Needle where we were able to get reservations at a window table. First Paul ushered us into the gift shop where he said we were each to get a gift to commemorate this wonderful day. Kate said she didn't want anything, but I immediately found a space needle replica that I have been wanting. It is a foot tall and has the most intricate details including an elevator that goes right to the top. It cost over a hundred dollars but Paul said that

was fine and had the attendant wrap it up.

"Now you," Paul said to Kate. She shook her head, but he led her over to the costumes where he picked out a beautiful kimono—red with white designs and long enough to trail on the ground. I could tell Kate wanted it even though it cost \$400. She shook her head, but he bought it anyway and sent both our parcels down for the valet to hold until after dinner.

"We don't really need to have dinner," said Kate. "We've spent enough of your money."

"What a cheapskate," said Paul. "I believe you would be good at helping a man hang on to some of what he earns."

"What do you do anyway?" I asked.

"Computer stuff," he said. "Very boring. That's why I'm able to play in the daytime. I work mostly at night."

We stared out the windows at the amazing view as we ate our very special dinner. Kate put her purse on the window ledge and had to wait a full turn for it to come back to her. "Good thing people are honest in these parts," she commented, putting her purse in her lap.

They took me home and I played with my new space needle, running the elevator up and down many times and just enjoying the look of it on my coffee table.

Kate came in much later and plunked down on the couch. "I don't know about him," she said. "I think he's getting too serious."

"You mean marriage?" I yelled. "You mean break up the sister act? You can't mean that seriously."

"Paul says we don't have to break anything up. We just have to add him on. I don't know. I'll just have to think about it."





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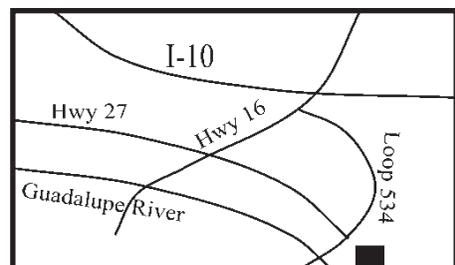
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ever-growing obsolescence, their paths cross with the unsavory characters of the Manson Family, who are targeting Dalton's neighbor, Sharon Tate.

Hustlers (R) — A sexy and savvy group of former exotic dancers run a financial scheme targeting the ruthless financial industry villains who crashed the economy, seemingly without repercussion. It is told from the perspective of Destiny (Constance Wu), who is taken under the wing of the experienced (and merciless) Ramona (Jennifer Lopez). At every turn, the degradation of women at the hands of men is underscored, served in opposition to fierce women taking ownership of and weaponizing their sexuality. Like all strong-arming, things can go too far. Despite all the stripping, this is a girls-night movie full of female empowerment and power cameos (Cardi B, Lizzo).

Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice (NR) — In 95 minutes of exhilarating stage footage and emotional interviews with A-list musicmakers (Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, Jackson Browne and more), the power and versatility of Linda Ronstadt is heralded, a fitting tribute to one of the most influential voices, certainly of a generation, arguably of all time. It also is a voice that has been stolen from us by Parkinson's disease, but, as this musical documentary shows, it lives on and will continue to do so. If that weren't legacy enough, we also are treated to a portrait of a pioneering female in music, as well as a rebellious, protean singer.

PICKS OF THE MONTH

It: Chapter 2 (R) — Derry, Maine, is once again under attack by the evil clown Pennywise, who is back to his old antics terrorizing the town's children after a gang of kids — the Losers Club — thought that they had banished the dreaded monster for good. Twenty-seven years later, only one of the six has remained in Derry. Mike (Isaiah Mustafa), ever vigilant, studies the lore around the clown and deduces the only way to defeat Pennywise is for the now grown-up members of the club (Jessica Chastain, James McAvoy, Bill Hader, Jay Ryan, James Ransome) to take a deep dive into their individual childhoods. He calls back the rest of the group, who swore they would defeat Pennywise no matter what it takes.

Once Upon a Time in Hollywood (R) — Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt head an all-star cast in director Quentin Tarantino's reimagining of Los Angeles leading into the summer of 1969. It's seen through the eyes of Rick Dalton (DiCaprio), an aging action star, and his stunt double Cliff Booth (Brad Pitt). As the pair struggle with an



Americanisms



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overcomes the love of
power, the world will
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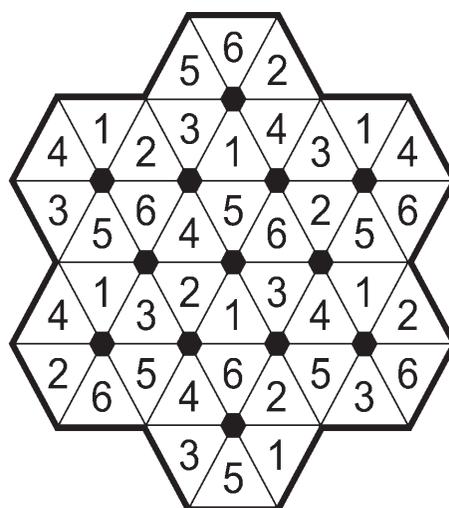
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BOB ON BINGO

By Bob Whittmore
■ Oversharing

First of all, I want to thank everyone for the e-mails I have received recently to: bobonbingo@earthlink.net. I always welcome your e-mails. Before I tell you about the lady who thinks I am annoying, I want to read a piece of an e-mail from Opal Cadet of Bloomington, Indiana. Opal writes about last month's column: "Bob, give up. Turn in the towel. Stop griping. Nothing you can do will change what you think is wrong with Bingo. I have read your column for nearly 20 years and nothing has changed. People love Bingo, but they love it on their terms. If you want to play Bingo in a "loud" hall, why not play it in the middle of Grand Central Station." Thanks, Opal. You may be right.

Now, about the woman who thinks I am annoying. Several weeks ago, I was playing Bingo at my usual hall in Las Vegas. I had all my daubers spread all over my table and my ONE six-on green card and two dual dabs at the ready. When the game

started, I reacted to the calls. I applauded when anyone won. I had a great deal of fun...and I showed it. But, sitting nearby was a woman who apparently DOES want to play Bingo in a library.

When the session was over, she walked over to me, stared me right in the face and, in a very loud voice, said: "Annoying. Annoying. Annoying. You are totally annoying!" She then sneered at me and walked out of the hall. Later, as I was exiting the building, she showed up from out of nowhere and again accosted me with: "Annoying. Annoying. Annoying. You are totally annoying!"

On the way home it suddenly occurred to me why SHE was annoyed. With her husband, she had spent nearly \$100 in stuffing two electronic machines with a zillion cards ... and STILL never won anything.

By the way, I recently played a single six-on green card six nights a week for three months and never won a penny. Of course, I always say, "You don't play Bingo to win." Boy, do I miss screaming "BINGO!"

Finally, it's been a while since I thanked you for reading this column. I am beginning to think that I am an odd duck, that my feelings about Bingo are different than the feelings most have. Of course, if I had the money to go back to rural Indiana or any small town where they play Bingo, I am sure I would find others who share my love of Bingo and like to be loud about it.

Next time around: Keeping the game alive.



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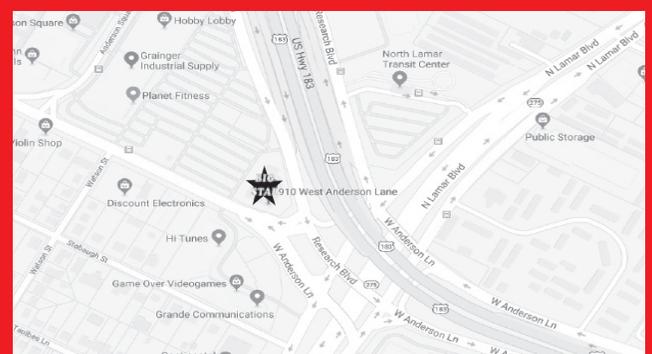
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Bingo buddies, Jimmy and Peggy like to catch a few games at the best spot in Round Rock, Creekside Bingo.



Mother and daughter team, Annie and Giselle, are having great fun at Circus Bingo Blanco.

DEAR AUNT BINGO

by Bonnie Mitchell

Dinner and Bingo

Dear Aunt Bingo:
 I need your advice on how to get friends and family to go with me to Bingo.
 Of course, I love playing Bingo and have for many years, and already have a handful of people I sometimes go with. But I know a bunch more people who I think would get a kick out of it if they just went one time.
 The thing is, the people I would ask are not couch potato homebodies, but folks who like to go out and do things. Movies, dining out, sports games, shopping—they are always out and about doing something. I just can't seem to get them past their bias that Bingo is boring and just for old people. It is so frustrating!
 Do you have any tips I can try to nudge these guys into going to Bingo with me just to see if they actually might enjoy it? Thank you.
TS, Florida

Dear TS:
 My first thought is to combine a Bingo outing with an activity you know they will enjoy, such as dining out. Pick a restaurant near a Bingo hall, invite them to an early dinner and suggest you tag on a trip to Bingo afterward. You can suggest dinner and Bingo at the start or wait until you're at the restaurant having a nice time and propose a trip to Bingo then. (Big smile: "C'mon, it'll be fun, and it's just up the street!")
 Another trick might be to link it to a special occasion—your birthday, an anniversary, etc.—and get them to ask you what you would like to do for your special day. You can soften the blow by again making it a combo outing like dinner and Bingo or a movie and Bingo. The important thing is that it would be hard for them to say no to the birthday girl.
 Even if you do get them into the Bingo hall, there's no guarantee that they will enjoy themselves, and you should be prepared for them to roll their eyes and

groan "Never again."
 But on the upside, you will finally know once and for all if they are "Bingo people" or not. And who knows? They may just fall in love with it! —*Aunt Bingo*

Dear Aunt Bingo,
 I read in your column a while ago about a player who had trouble with not being able to sit at a table because of seat saving. It seems to me that Bingo halls universally should declare once and for all that seat saving is not allowed, or at least create some sort of official policy about the practice.
 At the hall I go to the most often, seat saving is still done. Seats are saved by putting purses, jackets, daubers or other personal items on tables and chairs.
 But... this is only permitted so long as there are multiple empty seats available elsewhere in the hall. Once the hall begins getting crowded, if there are still blocks of unclaimed saved seats, the Bingo manager announces the end of seat saving and all remaining saved seats become available.
 There are exceptions. For example, workers at the hall who become players once the Bingo session begins are permitted to reserve seats. But technically that is not seat saving because they buy their Bingo paper and put it at the table where they will be playing.
 Even with this system, there are occasional arguments from players who save seats for friends who end up arriving late. Luckily, the manager doesn't put up with it and steps in when trouble begins.
Elizabeth J., New York

Dear Elizabeth:
 Enforcing such hall rules as seat saving is a great example of just how challenging it is to be a Bingo hall manager. He or she is juggling 101 different things while Bingo is in session, and the last thing they want to deal with is two senior citizens bickering over a folding chair.
 A zero seat-saving policy may be a bit extreme, but limitations like the ones you describe are smart management. I would add to that limiting the number of seats a person can save, to end this trend of reserving entire tables.
 By far, the best idea is ending all seat saving at a pre-set time before Bingo begins, so that the responsibility for filling those seats is left to the clock. Miss the deadline and you're out of luck. —*Aunt Bingo*
Share your views! Write to Aunt Bingo c/o the Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or email her at STENGL456@aol.com. Be sure to include your name and address (you can request that your name not be published), as typically she will not include anonymous letters in her columns.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps





By Guy Williams

■ Giving the Gift of Bingo

Hi Guy,

Like most folks, I enjoy when birthdays, holidays and anniversaries come along because it gives me a built-in excuse to give a special person a gift to let them know how much I appreciate them.

I was very proud of myself when I came up with what I thought was a brilliant gift idea for my friends and relatives who are Bingo players and may have limited incomes and not be able to go to Bingo as often as they would like to.

Bingo hall gift certificates were the perfect answer: It is like giving someone the gift of excitement and adventure and a day or evening out to play Bingo and try their luck. And imagine if they won a jackpot? They would always remember that your thoughtfulness resulted in good fortune!

Unfortunately, it turns out that in my area the Bingo games are not permitted to sell gift certificates. It has something to do with state regulations and how they're allowed to make money.

Isn't that dumb? Whether I'm buying Bingo paper for myself, or buying a certificate so that someone else can have Bingo paper, seems no different to me. So much for my great gift-giving idea!

LM, via email

Hi LM,

Don't give up so fast! Your charity games may not be permitted to sell gift certificates, but your Indian Nation Casino/Bingo games typically offer them. Assuming you have such gaming establishments in your area, why not jump online or make a phone call and see if they do?

If you and your friends and relatives prefer the smaller charity games, another trick might be to create your own gift certificates. You can design them like

greeting cards with some kind of message saying that the card grants the recipient one outing to Bingo as your guest. This actually may be better for you because that way you will be able to go along and experience firsthand their freebee Bingo adventure, and get to witness their excitement when they win! —Guy

Hi Guy,

I need your help. What is the appropriate (and by that I mean smallest) amount that you should tip a Bingo worker when you win a large jackpot (\$250 or more)? And is it automatic that you must tip? What if the workers did minimal work and/or never even said a word to you?

Then there is the matter of tipping the caller. I don't like doing that because he or she is at the front of the room doing the same job for everyone. There is no personal service or direct contact like there is with the floor workers.

I dislike the whole tipping system—trying to be fair but not give your winnings away, and feeling like you're getting dirty looks for tipping wrong.

Pam C., California

Hi Pam,

It has been a while since someone has written in with a question about tipping at Bingo.

As a general rule, I stay away from this topic because no matter what I suggest, someone gets mad and writes in to tell me I'm an idiot.

It is an important subject, however, so I will bravely run your letter and them wimp out by inviting hall workers and callers to answer it.

What is the minimum amount of a win that warrants a tip? Is it a percentage? A flat dollar amount? And who gets tipped? Just one worker? Two? The caller? My Aunt Helen?

It's time to get an update from the experts and let us players know what is expected of us! —Guy

Hey guys! (And gals!) Write to: Guy's Turn c/o The Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or email Guy directly at Tonder22@aol.com. Be sure to include your name and address (you may request that your name not be published), as typically Guy will not include anonymous letters in his columns.



■ Whistlepigs and Snow Days

Snow days are good news for students and school workers; bad news if you have to go to work, or if bingo is canceled and you forgot to run to the liquor store the night before. —Anonymous

Where I live, February is a cold snowy month. There's nothing more beautiful than waking to a pristine snow-covered yard that sparkles as the sun rises. Since I'm retired though, I don't have to clean off my car and drive to work in the beautiful snow so that makes a big difference. I can pour a cup of coffee, put my feet up, and plan where and when to venture out to bingo.

As a teacher, I'd stay up all night watching out the window and hoping for a big snow that the weathermen had promised. If that happened and my school district canceled school, I would head to the local bingo that I loved. Now, don't judge me, blame Mother Nature. My local bingo rarely canceled due to weather and I was young and dumb enough to drive across town on icy streets to play bingo with other noodleheads who had done the same.

Many a night I stayed up watching for snowflakes that never arrived. On those mornings, I would drive to school bleary



Sausage Recipes Sure to Please

Dear Ask Annie,

I am the mother of twin teenage boys. They love anything made with sausage... any kind of sausage. Can you share some recipes with me that have sausage in them? Thanks!

Susan Beth from Philadelphia, PA

Dear Susan Beth,

I have two very good recipes that include sausage. One recipe is a soup, the other can be a snack for your boys. Hope this fits the bill! —Annie

ITALIAN SAUSAGE SOUP

- ½ pound hot Italian sausage
- ½ pound mild Italian sausage
- 2 onions, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 4 cups beef broth
- 1 ½ cups red wine
- 1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 28-ounce can tomato puree
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon oregano
- 1 tablespoon basil
- 1 tablespoon parsley

eyed and cursing the weathermen who got it wrong. And speaking of wrong, February 2nd is Groundhog Day, also known as Whistlepig Day. Really, Whistlepig? According to researchers, that big fat whatever you call it is wrong 61% of the time in predicting the coming of spring.

My husband's birthday is this month, but he's not a leapling—someone born on February 29th. I'm glad because I have enough trouble remembering birthdays, much less if they come every four years or are celebrated on the day before or the day after the 29th. It takes a little longer than a year for the earth to travel around the sun, so this extra time is added as an extra day to our calendars every four years. In some countries this extra day is considered to be extra lucky as in Ireland where many believers go to drive-in bingo. Yep, drive-in bingo, which was a creative solution to the smoking ban in all public places in Ireland where one in five Irish are smokers. Drive-in bingo became a fad there with non-smokers also attending. Players drive in and relax in the comfort of their cars, chat with those in neighboring cars, and enjoy playing a few games of bingo. Winners beep their horns and an attendant brings the cash to the car. Cool beans!

Which brings us to February 14th, Valentines Day. If you live in South Korea, variations of this holiday run from February through April. On February 14th women present their men with candy and flowers. On March 14th, called White Day, men gift their women with candy, flowers, and presents. The third holiday called Black Day is on April 14th. On this day, singles moan and groan about their status and eat bowls of black bean paste noodles. Oh my. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. To share your thoughts, my e-mail is homemailbox@roadrunner.com. That would be a random act of kindness to me since the third week of February is Random acts of Kindness Week—a good thing to do daily not once a year.

Salt and pepper to taste
1 8-ounce box corkscrew pasta
Parmesan cheese, grated

Remove the skin from the sausage; crumble and sauté in a large pot until brown. Drain. Add onions and green pepper, sauté until tender. Add broth and wine, bring to a boil. Add tomato sauce, tomato puree, garlic powder, oregano, basil, parsley and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and cook, uncovered for 1 hour. Pasta may be added the last 15 minutes. Serve with the grated cheese. Makes 6-8 servings.

HANKIE PANKIES

- 1 pound ground chuck
- 1 pound hot pork sausage
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- ½ teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 pound Velveeta cheese, cut into 2-inch cubes
- 2 packages cocktail rye bread

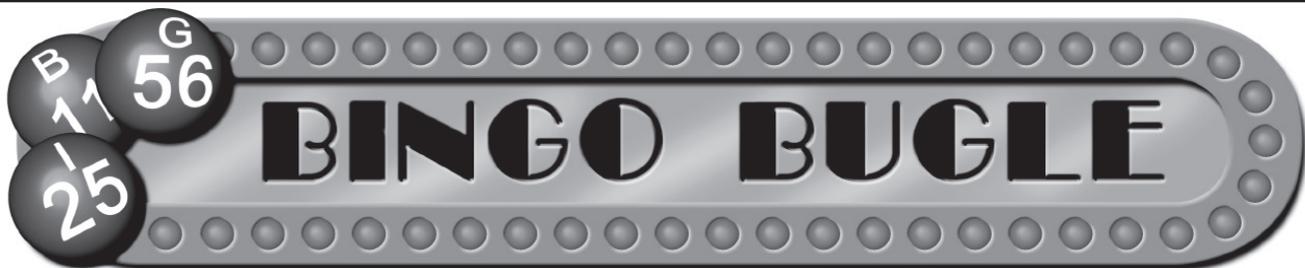
In a skillet, brown the chuck and sausage together. Drain well and return to the skillet. Add the pepper flakes, oregano, garlic salt and cheese, mixing well over a low heat. Spread the mixture on the bread and place on a cookie sheet to freeze. Place frozen Hankie Pankies in a plastic bag and return to the freezer. Before serving broil 6 minutes or bake 12 to 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Makes 40 servings.

Your comments and questions about cooking and entertaining will be addressed in this monthly column. Write to "Ask Annie" c/o Annie Ennis, 8312 SE 168th Trinity Place, The Villages, FL 32162. So Ask Annie. Don't forget you can E-mail me at aennis@thevillages.net. And let's get cooking.

BINGO BUGLE SUDOKU

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GAME SCHEDULE

San Antonio

LOCATION	PHONE	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
1. Circus Bingo-Wurzbach 3307 Wurzbach, San Antonio	210-523-1141	7:00 PM 8:30 PM	7:00 PM 8:30 PM	7:00 PM 8:30 PM	7:00 PM 8:30 PM	7:00 PM 8:30 PM 10:00 PM	7:00 PM 8:30 PM 10:00 PM	7:00 PM 8:30 PM
2. Circus Bingo-Blanco 3719 Blanco, San Antonio	210-733-3838	11:30 AM 1:00 PM	11:30 AM 1:00 PM	1:00 PM 2:30 PM				
3. Circus Bingo-Play-Mor 919 Pleasanton Rd, San Antonio	210-923-9359	7:00 PM 8:30 PM	7:00 PM 8:30 PM	7:00 PM 8:30 PM	7:00 PM 8:30 PM	7:00 PM 8:30 PM 10:00 PM	7:00 PM 8:30 PM	7:00PM 8:30PM
4. Circus Bingo-Military 7169 US HWY 90 W, San Antonio	210-538-5038	11:30AM 1:00 PM			11:30AM 1:00 PM	11:30AM 1:00 PM	11:30AM 1:00 PM	1:00 PM 2:30 PM

Bingo in Eagle Pass

LOCATION	PHONE	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
5. Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino 1-888-25-LUCKY Eagle Pass				Opens at 5 PM EB 6PM Reg. Session be- gins at 7:30 PM	Opens at 5 PM EB 6 PM Reg. Session be- gins at 7:30PM	Opens at 5 PM EB 6 PM Reg. Session be- gins at 7:30 PM	Opens 12:30AM EB 1 PM Reg. Session begins 3PM	Opens at 5 PM EB 6 PM Reg. Session be- gins at 7:30 PM

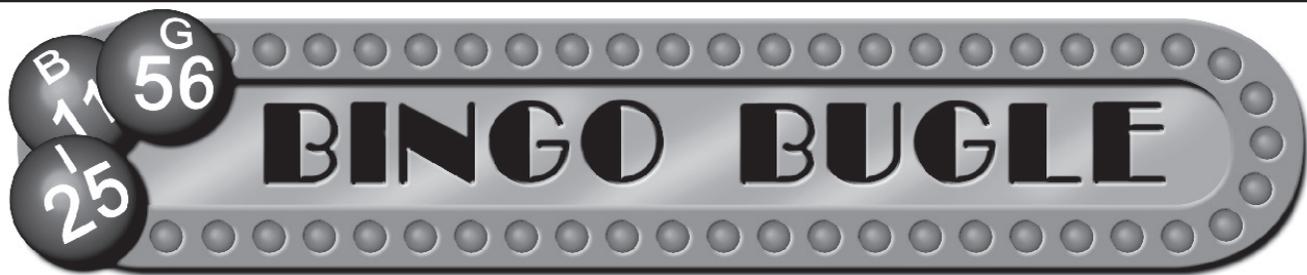
Bingo in Kerrville

LOCATION	PHONE	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
6. American Legion #208 3800 Hwy. 27, Kerrville	830-896-6151	6:30 PM	6:30 PM			6:30 PM		1:30 PM

Bingo in Louisiana

LOCATION	PHONE	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
7. Coushatta Casino Resort 777 Coushatta Dr., Kinder, LA	800-584-7263			6:15 PM	6:15 PM	6:15 PM	12:15 PM 6:15 PM	2:15 PM





BINGO BUGLE

GAME SCHEDULE

Austin

LOCATION	PHONE	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
1. Big Star Bingo 910 West Anderson Lane	512-452-9904	7:10 PM 8:30 PM	7:10 PM 8:30 PM	7:10 PM 8:30 PM	7:10 PM 8:30 PM 9:30PM	7:10 PM 8:30 PM 10:00 PM	6:00 PM 7:10 PM 8:30 PM	6:10 PM 7:30 PM
2. Capitol Bingo 5310 Burnet Rd. @ North Loop	512-452-2646	12:00 Noon 1:30 PM	12:00 Noon 1:30 PM	12:00 Noon 1:30 PM	12:00 Noon 1:30 PM	11:30 AM 1:00 PM 2:30 PM	11:30 AM 1:00 PM 2:30 PM	2:00 PM 3:30 PM
3. Creekside Bingo 2300 Chisholm Trail, Round Rock, Texas	512-388-9981	6:45 PM 7:15 PM 9:00 PM	6:45 PM 7:15 PM 9:00 PM 10:45 PM	6:45 PM 7:15 PM 9:00 PM	6:45 PM 7:15 PM 9:00 PM			

San Antonio Bingo Guide

San Antonio Area

1. Circus Bingo, 3307 Wurzbach
2. Circus Bingo Blanco, 3719 Blanco Rd
3. Circus Bingo Play-MorBingo 919 Pleasanton Rd
4. Circus Bingo Play-Military 7169 US HWY 90 W

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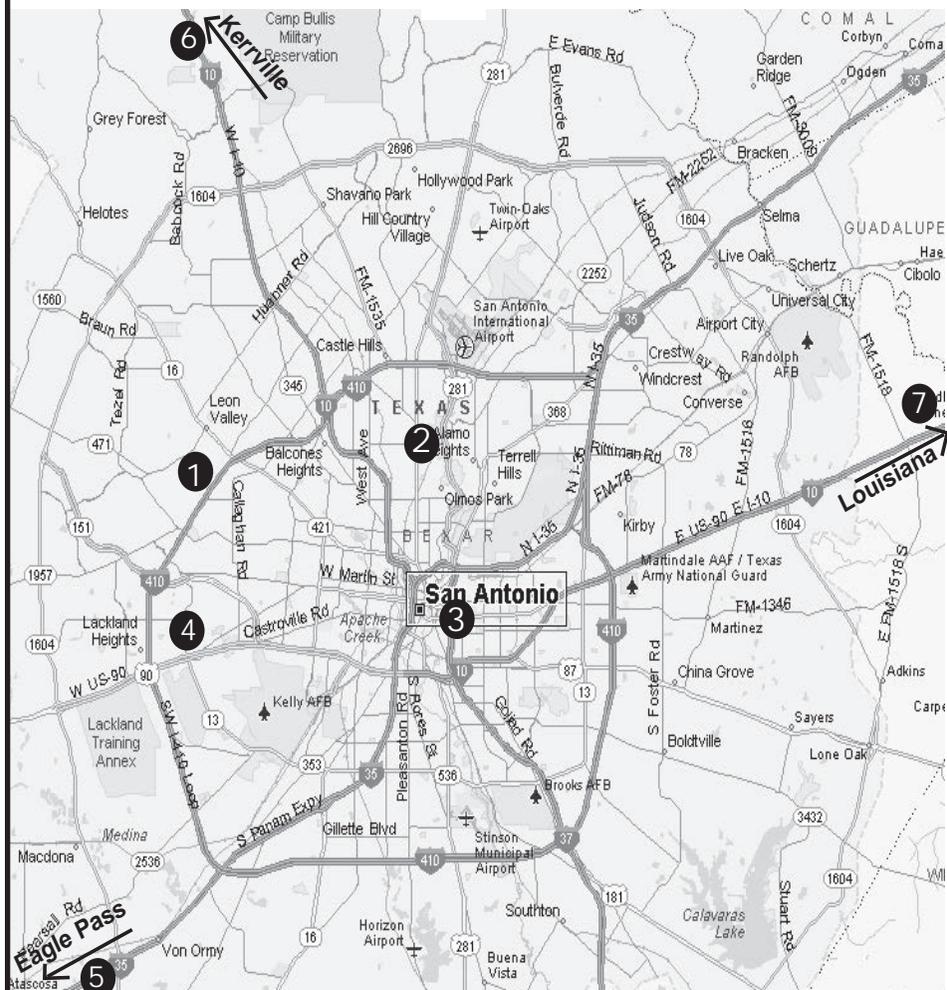
6. American Legion 208, 3800 Hwy 27 East

Louisiana Area

7. Coughatta Casino Resort, 777 Coughatta Dr. Kinder, LA

Eagle Pass Area

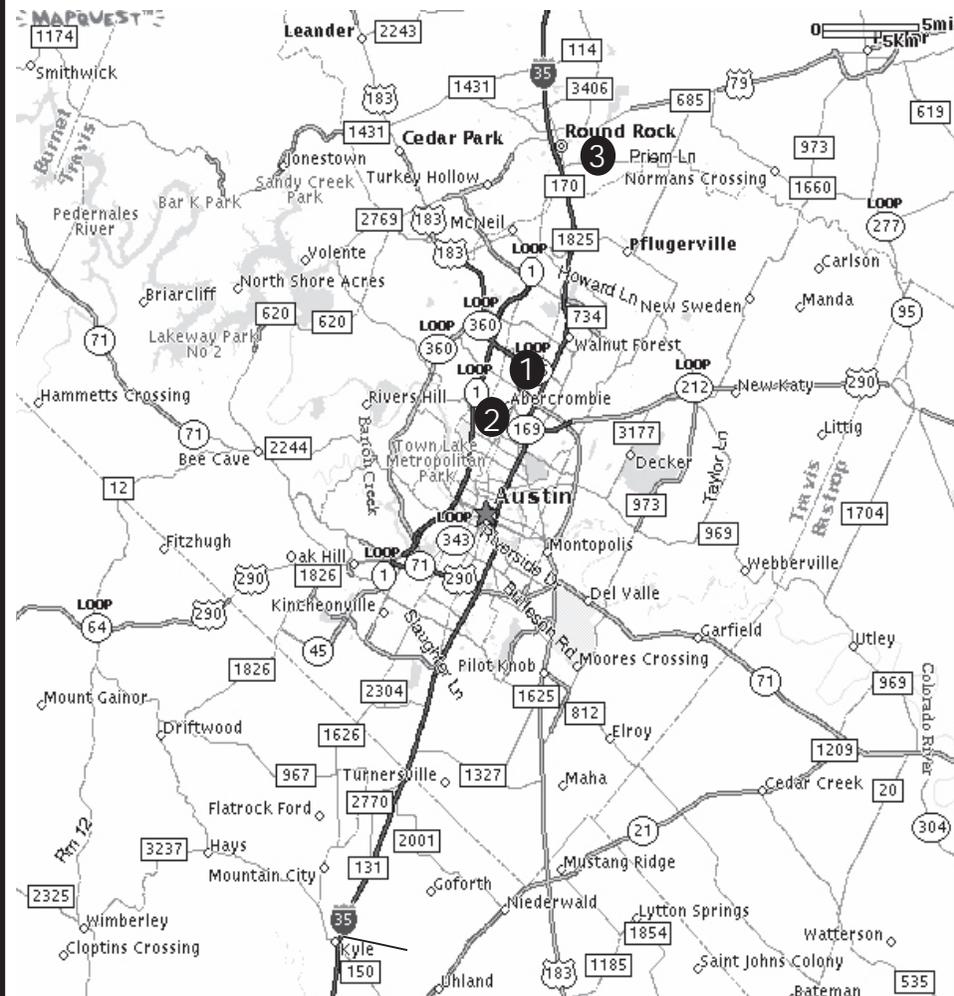
5. Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino



Austin Bingo Guide

Austin Area

1. Big Star, 910 W. Anderson Lane
2. Capitol Bingo, 5310 Burnet Rd. At North Loop
3. Creekside Charity Bingo, 2300 Chisholm Trail, Round Rock



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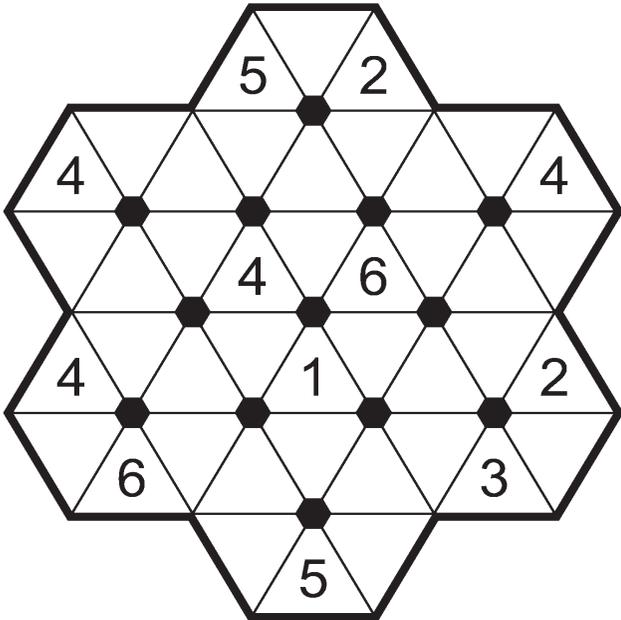


SNOW FLAKES

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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.



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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

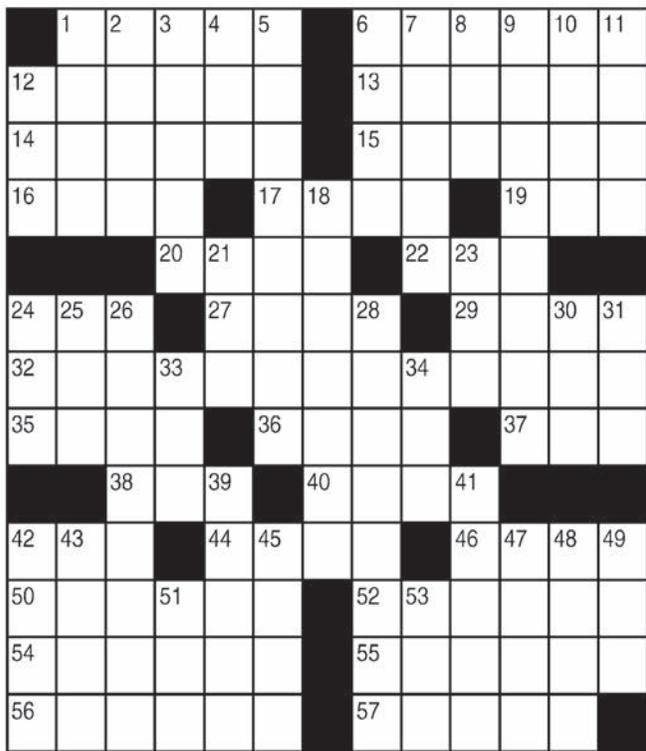


KING CROSSWORD

Answers on Page 6

ACROSS

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- 14 Fitting
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- 16 First victim
- 17 Bullets and such
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- 22 Unruly group
- 24 Trouble
- 27 Taj Mahal city
- 29 "— Mis-behavin'"
- 32 New Orleans neighborhood



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HOCUS - FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



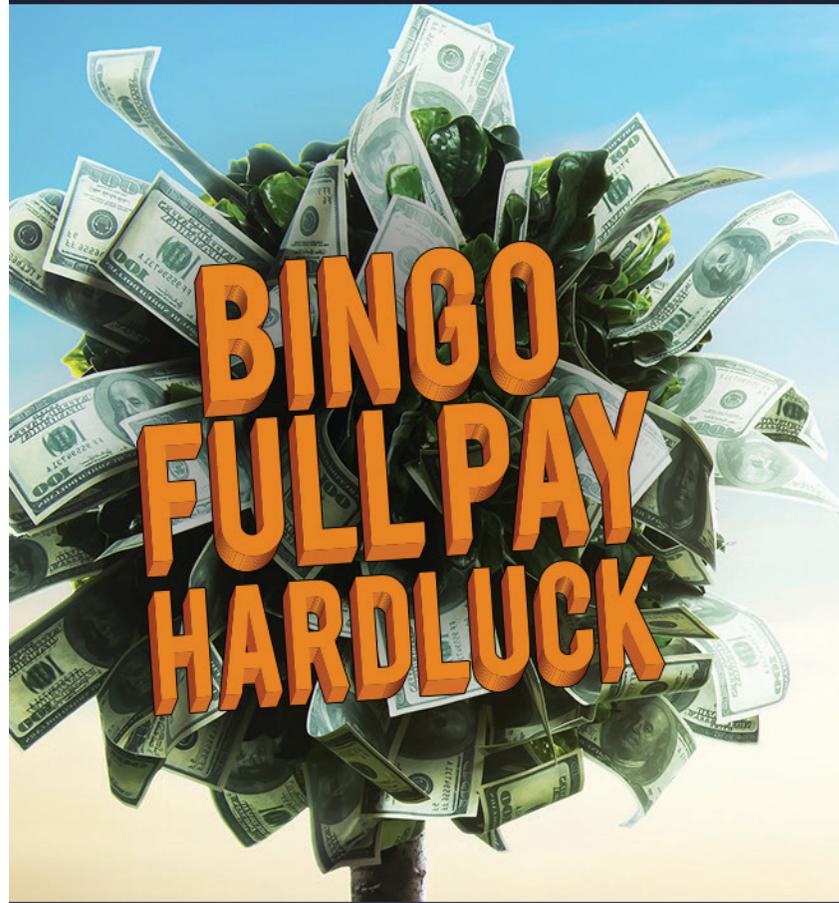
Differences: 1. Boy's pants are black. 2. Ball near boy's foot is missing. 3. Mom's hat is gone. 4. Drapes are wider. 5. Girl's bow is different. 6. There's more trash on floor.



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3 SESSIONS OF BINGO ON FRIDAY NIGHTS!

FAMILY FRIENDLY HALL
FOOD & DRINKS ALLOWED
CHILDREN WELCOME
(MUST HAVE PACKAGE AND BE PLAYING BINGO , NO INFANTS OR BABIES)

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WEDNESDAY THRU SATURDAY & MONDAY
DOORS OPEN AT 9:30 A.M.
EARLY BIRDS GAMES START AT 11:15 A.M.

1ST SESSION 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
2ND SESSION 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

DAYTIME BINGO EVERY SUNDAY
DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 A.M.

EARLY BIRD GAMES START AT 12:50 P.M.
1ST SESSION 1:00 P.M.
2ND SESSION 2:30 P.M.

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BINGO STARTS @ 11:30 A.M. EVERYDAY
EARLY BIRD GAMES START AT 10:00 A.M.

1ST SESSION 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
2ND SESSION 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

SUNDAY DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 A.M.
1ST SESSION 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.
2ND SESSION 2:30 - 3:30 P.M.

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