

DEAL ME IN

**The RNG
Neither Frowns
Nor Smiles**

Dear Mark: Please explain the frequency of wins on a slot machine. For instance, sometimes the machine will give away money, spin after spin, and then it comes to a complete halt. I could hit that spin button 20 times in a row, and not a winner will appear. Can the random number generator be set to stop hits after so many wins, so that I end up giving it all back in the end?

Billy H.
A random number generator, Billy, has no brain, no preferences, and but one function: generating random numbers. It doesn't give the minimal shadow of a hoot what those numbers are used for; so by design it can't generate a predestined sequence of wins or losses.

Wins that occur spin after spin, then the well running dry, and consequently your giving it all back, have to do with normal randomness, your short gaming timeline, and the fact that you are playing on a negative expectation game.

You can't alter chance, Billy, but you can learn to play Froggy and leap when losing.
Dear Mark: I am curious as to which is your favorite buffet in Las Vegas. I'm going with a group from work, and as a whole, we decided that price was not an object, just quality. Your recommendation would be appreciated. By the way, we love your column at work so much that it gets posted each week in the break room.

Jason S.
Thanks for the nice words about my column. The last time my name was posted in a break room was getting caught skiing after I had already called in sick, so my chastisement was dealing 50¢ blackjack, indefinitely, or at least until the next screw-up, screwed up.
One thing that's guaranteed about Lost Wages, oops, I meant Las Vegas, is that you really can't come home from your visit with nothing. Your homecoming comes guaranteed with some extra pounds, especially if you partake of a feeding frenzy at an All-You-Can-Eat buffet. And since you threw in that money's



Mark Pilarski

no object, my personal recommendation for thriving gluttony, where you can expand two belt sizes in one sitting, is at Wynn Las Vegas.

Yep, the prices are steep, \$22.95 for lunch, \$34.95 for dinner, but one thing Steve Wynn has always done right, going all the way back to the Golden Nugget, are buffets. The food quality and service at Wynn Las Vegas have limited peers.

If you think it's a little on the expensive side, Jason, sell your coworkers on the fact that it's less than five minutes on a dollar slot machine or two hands of blackjack.

Dear Mark: I recently saw a man keeping a log of all the numbers that were coming up on a video keno machine. This person claimed that certain numbers, especially certain odd ones, were appearing more often than others. He said he's been tracking numbers for eight hours straight and was starting to see distinct patterns. His proof was that he was up \$250 playing specific numbers. Any merits to his system?

David D.
Even with a seat time of eight hours, and assuming he is ahead by tracking numbers, I still would chalk it up to nothing more than a lucky streak, David.

On a properly functioning video keno machine, no specific numbers or combination of numbers are any more likely to appear than any other number or combination of numbers. Possibly, your chartist had stumbled on a machine that had had too many margaritas spilled on it, with unplanned results.

Got a question about gambling? Write to: Deal Me In, P.O. Box 1234, Traverse City, Michigan 49685 -email: pilarski@markpilarski.com • To order Mark Pilarski's "Hooked on Winning" audio cassettes-laminated win cards package (\$12.95 plus \$2 S&H) call 1-800-WINNERS.

Mackinac Island

The annual Mackinac Island Medical Center Auction took place Sunday evening, August 30, at Grand Hotel. It was a festive gathering of friends greeting friends. People were bidding on silent auction items, buying raffle tickets, enjoying a good dinner, and waiting anxiously for the live auction to begin. As auctioneer David Levy works the crowd, everyone gets in the buying mood. Items included beautiful paintings done by local artists, a home-cooked dinner for 12 people, a trip to the top of the Mackinac Bridge, and a night in the Presidential suite at Grand Hotel. Worthy of note in organizing this event are the Musser family and Grand Hotel, Bob Brown of Arnold Transit for providing the late boat, Alice and Sue Myron for the super job they do on the silent auction, David Levy, and Vic Callewaert, a super salesman of the raffle tickets. More than \$65,000 was raised for the Mackinac Island Medical Center. Christopher Freehling from Gordon Food Service won the grand prize of \$5,000; Ron Dufina won the second prize of \$3,000, and Kathleen Foy, an employee at Harbour View, won the third prize of \$2,000. Sharon Hahn won \$425 in the 50/50 raffle but donated it back to the benefit. It was truly a rewarding evening.

Congressman Bart and Laurie Stupak welcomed family and friends from far and near to Mackinac Saturday, August 29, to help celebrate the marriage of their son, Kenneth, to Christina Yamakawa. They were married at Ste. Anne's Church at 2:30 p.m. with Father Jim Williams officiating. People who had never been to the Island before were thrilled to be transported in the

carriage with the fringe on top. A dinner reception followed at Grand Hotel. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The Mackinac Island Public School opened Tuesday, September 8. Everyone enjoyed a picnic at noon to welcome the students back for the new school year.

Happy 45th wedding anniversary to Buck and Alice Sharrow September 5. Hope you enjoyed your day.

I'm happy to report that Rita Sue Cohen is back at her home in Bloomfield Hills and is doing much better. Island friends send best wishes.

Chuck and Marsha Kleber celebrated their wedding anniversary September 8. Hope you had a wonderful day.

The Labor Day Weekend Jazz Concert was Saturday, September 5, and Sunday, September 6, at Grand Hotel. It was a nice weekend to enjoy some great music.

Happy birthday September 4 to our good friend, Jerry Fenlon, of St. Ignace. Hope you had a great day.

Rosie Charnes and her son, Bob, of Indianapolis, Indiana, are spending two weeks at their home in Harrisonville. It's nice to have them back on Mackinac.

Jim Fisher and his mother-in-law, Joan Barch, share the same birthday September 7. Hope you both had a wonderful day.

Gary and Karen Lennard recently enjoyed a weekend off the Island, when they celebrated Gary's birthday August 31.

Ellen Putnam had a great time entertaining her little grandson, Owen Richard, who spent several days with his grandmother.

By Jeannette Doud
847-6298



Happy anniversary to Art and Paula Underwood of St. Ignace September 7. Hope you enjoyed your day.

When you see Ray Card driving his dray Wednesday, September 9, wish him a very happy birthday.

Thursday, August 27, the weather was picture perfect when golfers played in the tournament to benefit the Mackinac Island Medical Center and the Moses Dialysis Unit at Mackinac Straits Hospital. Players golfed at Wawashkamo, The Woods and The Jewel, followed by a dinner and awards ceremony at the Woods Restaurant. Everyone had a great time.

We extend deepest sympathy to the family of Jack Rysere, who passed away Friday, August 28. Jack was the manager of First National Bank on Mackinac Island for many years. A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 12, at 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in St. Ignace.

Happy 34th wedding anniversary to Phil and Val Porter September 7. Hope you had a wonderful day.

Brian and Frank Blowski, Sr. left Mackinac Sunday, August 30, for a three-week vacation. They flew to London and then to Paris, where they will board a cruise to Iceland. It promises to be a fascinating trip.

Donnie and Gracie Francis will celebrate their wedding anniversary September 9. Enjoy your day.

Kristi Graham joined her husband, Alex, on the Island Saturday, August 29, with their new daughter, Stella, and two-year-old Penelope.

Jason St. Onge entertained his six-year-old nephew, Brevin, for several days on Mackinac. Lots of ice-cream cones were enjoyed.

Happy birthday to Phyllis Dunham September 7. Hope you had a wonderful day.

Sunday, August 30, freighter traffic through the Straits of Mackinac was very heavy. The *Wilfred Skyes*, a Canadian freighter, and a 1,000-foot ore carrier all went by within one hour. It was a sight to see.

Happy birthday to Ann Timmons September 9. Have a wonderful day.

While golfing in the tournament Thursday, August 27, Virginia Riordan saw a huge owl and an indigo bunting. It is so interesting watching the wildlife on Mackinac.

Mary Callewaert celebrated her birthday September 5. Hope you enjoyed your day.

Sunday, August 16, Jason St. Onge and Tom Chambers' band, "Armin's Army," reunited with guitarist Myk Rise for an outdoor show on the Chippewa patio. It was a fun afternoon.

Frankie Till, housemother for Reed Cottage, celebrated her birthday September 7. Hope you had a great day.

A delightful baby shower was held for Julie Fisher Sunday, August 23, at the Lilac Tree conference center. Her new baby, Jordan James, did not attend, but many pictures were available. Julie received a variety of beautiful gifts. A delicious lunch of homemade lasagna, made by Deb Fisher, was enjoyed by all.

Happy birthday September 7 to Loretta Spata, Carmen Golden, and Debbie Bradley. Hope you all enjoyed your day.

Dr. Mike and Jane Bacon will celebrate their wedding anniversary September 9. Have a great day.

Looking Back

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ing, after placing Jessie Willetts in the house of correction.

T. I. Everett and W. H. Wiley were at the Cheneaux hunting yesterday. They killed two hawks and one duck.

Alex Rankin, injured by being thrown from a velocipede on Tuesday, was quite sick during last night, but is resting quite easy to-day. His injuries will be a source of annoyance to him for some time, though not at all serious.

During Wednesday night, while the *Maud Sammons* was tied up at the dock at Marquette Island, a black bear came aboard and walked all over her deck. None of the crew dared to interview the intruder, as they were not armed.

Chambers Bros. have commenced to put up the building in which they intend to freeze fresh fish.

Any person desiring full particulars of the *Maud Sammons* bear story should call on Eddy Cater at J. J. Nunn's crockery store.

Died - In this city, Wednesday, 10th inst., Romana Armelia, twin daughter of Joseph and Katherina Anne Covyreau, aged 10 weeks. The funeral took place yesterday forenoon.

A severe rain, hail, lightning and thunder storm passed over the city last Tuesday night, doing slight damage to property in the second and third wards.

At least three men on the average jury are bound to disagree with the rest just to show that they've got minds of their own but there is no disagreement among the women as to the merits of Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription." They are unanimous in pronouncing it the best remedy in the world for all those chronic diseases,

weaknesses and complaints peculiar to their sex. It transforms the pale, haggard, dispirited woman, into one of sparkling health, and the ringing laugh again "reigns supreme" in the happy household.

**90 YEARS AGO
September 11, 1919
The St Ignace Enterprise**

The date for the Children's fall fair under the direction of the ladies of the Civic league has been fixed for Saturday, September 27. This will be the second fair under the auspices of the ladies, the first being held two years ago. It was a wonderful success and plans were then made for annual exhibits. However, last year was so taken up with Red Cross work and other war activities that the ladies could not find time to devote to arranging for the fair and it was held open for another year.

Juveniles of both sexes have been talking about it for some time and making arrangements for their exhibits. All the children making boni fide entries of their own handiwork, and all must be the work of

those making the entries, will receive a treat in addition to the cash prizes awarded the winners.

Mrs. Joseph Lajoice passed away at the family home on Cedar street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, at 12 o'clock Saturday, September 6, after a long illness, at the age of 49 years. The remains arrived in this city Monday morning, the funeral taking place from the Catholic church the following day at 9 a.m., Rev. Father Mockler singing the requiem mass. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

The deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Derusha, pioneer residents and among the best known of the old Mackinac county families. She was born on Beaver Island October 2, 1871, and shortly after her birth came with her parents to Mackinac county, settling at Epoufette. As Rosa N. Derusha, she was united in marriage to Joseph Lajoice, September 17, 1891, and two years after the couple moved to

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NOTICE
Change of DDA Meeting Date
The regularly scheduled Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting that was scheduled for Friday, September 11, 2009 will be held on **Friday, September 18, 2009 at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.**

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Separate sealed Bids for the construction of:
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians-
St. Ignace Housing Subdivision Water System Improvements Project

Including the following major bid items:

- 5800 Linear Feet of Watermain
- 9 Fire Hydrant Assemblies
- 14 Gate Valves
- 62 Water Services
- Abandon 2 Wells
- Restoration

will be received by Ms. Joni Talentino, Housing Director at the office of Sault Tribe Housing Authority, 154 Parkside Drive, Kincheloe, Michigan 49788

until 2:00 p.m. (Local Time) September 29th, 2009, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:
Coleman Engineering Company, 635 Circle Drive, Iron Mountain, Michigan 49801
Sault Tribe Housing Authority, 154 Parkside Drive, Kincheloe, Michigan 49788

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the Issuing Office; Coleman Engineering Company, located at 635 Circle Drive, Iron Mountain, MI 49801 (phone: 906-774-3440, fax: 906-774-7776) upon payment of a \$50.00 non-refundable fee for each set.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids at its discretion.

Preference will be given to Indian owned businesses and Indian organizations.

Contractor shall comply with all provisions of the Copland 'Anti-Kickback' Act and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Act as they apply to construction contracts.

This project is subject to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act.

9/3/09 Date Joni Talentino Housing Director

**INVITATION TO BID
Section 00020 (Revised Dates)**

Notice is given hereby that
Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District will accept bids from qualified contractors for renovation and construction of:
Mechanical System Renovations
315 Armory Place
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783-2005

According to Drawings and Specifications prepared by:
Integrated Designs, Inc.
1021 West Barage Avenue

Including, but limited to: Installation of mechanical systems including heat pumps, air-to air heat exchanger, condenser, piping, controls, related electrical, and minor general construction within the original portion of the facility.

A pre-bid meeting and walk-thru will be conducted on September 15th at 11:00 a.m. starting in conference room on the lower floor of the addition. This meeting is not mandatory, however, interested bidders are encouraged to attend this meeting. Further inspection of the project site by contractors is available upon individual requests of Contractors to Owner. Contact Peter Everson, Superintendent at (906) 632-3373, ext. 110, to set up a time for additional site visits.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of **Mr. Peter Everson, Superintendent, Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD, 315 Armory Place, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783** until 2:00 p.m. E.T., **Tuesday, September 22, 2009** at which time bids will be publicly opened. Bids received after the date and time specified will be returned to the bidder, unopened.

Bids will be taken in a lump sum basis with mechanical contractor performing as the general contractor for this work.

Bid Documents may be examined at the following locations:
Integrated Designs, Inc. Marquette Builders Exchange
1021 West Barage Ave. 1229 West Washington St.
Marquette, MI 49855 Marquette, MI 49855

Bid Documents are available from the office of the Architect after Monday, August 24, 2009 upon payment of \$25.00 non-refundable and \$25.00 refundable per set. Partial sets will not be issued.

The Owner reserves the right to object any or all bids and to waive irregularity in the bidding or the bidding process and accept the bid that is most advantageous to the Owner.

By: Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District