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top ten

Consumer Electronics Companies*

1. Apple
2. Samsung
3. Microsoft
4. DELL
5. Sony
6. Hitachi
7. LG
8. Panasonic
9. HP
10. Fujitsu

* Ranked by sales revenue in 2022
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

Test Your Knowledge

1. TELEVISION: Which cable TV series features a character named Don Draper?
2. MOVIES: What subject does Professor Minerva McGonagall teach at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry?
3. HISTORY: Where was civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had a sign on his desk that read, "The Buck Stops Here"?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the world's largest desert?
6. LITERATURE: What is the real name of the author Lemony Snicket?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the fruit that gives the liqueur creme de cassis its flavor?
8. MUSIC: What inspired the Beatles' song "Blackbird"?
9. CELEBRITIES: What is singer/actress Judy Garland's birth name?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are squirrels' nests called?



- ANSWERS**
1. Mad Men.
 2. Transfiguration.
 3. Memphis, Tennessee.
 4. Harry Truman.
 5. Antarctica.
 6. Daniel Handler.
 7. Black currants.
 8. Civil rights unrest in Little Rock, Arkansas, according to Paul McCartney.
 9. Frances Ethel Gumm.
 10. Dreys.

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Water Lantern Festival to Host First Ever 3-DAY event in LA

Los Angeles, CA -- The Water Lantern Festival is coming to Whittier Narrows Recreation Area on June 9-11, 2023. Each day will feature the same incredible event, so pick the date that works best for you and be a part of this unforgettable experience!

This event brings people of all ages and backgrounds together for a magical evening of music, food, and the stunning sight of thousands of floating lanterns illuminating the water. Visit <https://www.waterlanternfestival.com/index.php#locations> to register now.

Water Lantern Festival illuminates the night with the launch of personalized lanterns onto the water. Each unique lantern drifts out on the water as it joins other lanterns carrying messages of hope, love, happiness, healing, peace, and connection. It's a beautiful life experience and an uplifting night that attendees will never forget.

Experience this magical evening that includes tasty food trucks, games and activities, local vendors, great music and the beauty of thousands of lanterns lighting the water.

"The Water Lantern Festival offers a beautiful way to express your hopes, dreams, and aspirations," said Nate Sorensen, Event Director. "It's an evening that will stay with you long after it's over."

To learn what others are saying visit <https://www.waterlanternfestival.com/testimonials.php>

Water Lantern Festival, the nation's fastest growing event experience touring over 100 cities, received top honors and has been named the Best Cultural Festival by USA TODAY 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards. This highly coveted award is the result of being nominated by a panel of event industry experts, editors, and leaders from USA TODAY. After the nomination, Water Lantern Festival earned the title of Best Cultural Festival in the United States by popular vote.

For more information about the Water Lantern Festival, please visit www.waterlanternfestival.com or contact support@waterlanternfestival.com

AS I SEE IT
by N. L. Preston

Horses and Husbands

April Fool's Day is cancelled this year. No made-up prank could match the unbelievable stuff going on in the world right now.
 —Anonymous

Spring officially arrived on Monday, March 20. Flowers are budding; the Easter bunny is bounding through the thickets; trees are greening. Ah, sweet spring. Yeah, except I was married for the first time in April and when that husband and I parted ways, I was left with no lingering love for him or this month. I often mention my current husband, Robert, in this column. He was my seventh spouse after six previous ones who shall remain nameless. It's their punishment for being clueless as to my many charms. Thankfully, I haven't needed or looked for a number eight to torment.

Our latest gambling venture was to Harrah's Casino, Atlantic City. In 2022 I played there in the Millionaire Maker slot tournament. I won and am now a millionaire. Oops, that was in my dreams as I didn't win a dang thing. On our last trip to A. C. we traveled with Preferred Casino Junkets, Pennsylvania, which I've mentioned in previous columns.

No, I don't get rewarded, or compensated in any way, for writing about them. I just like the way they handle their junkets, on time and stress free. Anyway, I laughed as I recently read about Atlantic City slogans to promote tourism. They included Do A. C. and Always Turned On, both innuendoes of sinful goings-on. To me, those slogans mean, turn on the air conditioning and for heaven's sake, leave it on. My hot flashes, demand it, even in the dead of winter. Any different interpretations of those slogans I leave up to others who may or may not get hot for other reasons.

In the 1900s horse diving was popular in Atlantic City; as opposed to slot diving which happens when over eager gamblers run at full tilt to the slots upon entering casinos. Horse diving involved horses jumping from a sixty-foot platform into a pool of water. The horse would then swim to the bottom of the pool and stand on a platform for the rider to dismount. The horse would then be pulled back up to the surface by a rope. Horse diving stopped in 1978 due to declining demand and pressure from animal rights advocates. Amen to that, as I totally agree with the animal rights activists. Yep, no horse diving, but besides casinos, there are myriad bingo halls in the immediate area. Just google bingo halls near Atlantic City for up-to-date information about each.

Lastly, I can't finish this column without mentioning St. Stupid Day, April 1st. Had I known of its existence, that would have been the perfect date for my first wedding. This aptly named day is celebrated annually in San Francisco with a parade. The public is encouraged to get into the spirit of things by behaving like fools with one of the highlights being the leap of faith. Parade participants close their eyes, jump, and believe that the Earth will still be there when they land. H-m-m-m. And by the way, April Fool if you believe I have had seven husbands. Two husbands were more than enough for me. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. E-mail nlpvz6172@gmail.com, and I will reply, no fooling.

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16 Corn recipe
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20 Reverberate
22 Kiwi's extinct cousin
24 — Khan
27 Get better
29 "Two and a Half Men" role
32 Arguably, best-known line from Shakespeare
35 Still
36 Peacenik
37 Performance
38 Blushing
40 Iodine source
42 Pitch
44 Spud's buds
46 Scored 100 on
50 Hard to find
52 Guarantee
54 Yearly
55 Tradition, perhaps
56 Forward a story

DOWN

1 Grooving on
2 Portent
3 Reservation residence
4 Nile slitherer
5 One often seen with a crook?
6 Bullets etc.
7 Quake
8 Hostel
9 Hawaiian volcano
10 Curved molding
11 Kill a bill
12 Sixth sense
18 Virginia city
21 Comedian
23 Margaret
24 Feedbag
25 Noshed
26 Head of st.
28 Straying
29 Smitten,
30 maybe unrequitedly
31 Jimmy Kimmel's employer
31 Lepidopterist's prop
33 Away from WSW
34 — Aviv
39 Sticker
41 Old hat
42 Despot
43 Dermatology
45 Holler
47 Adorable
48 Cupid's alias
49 Rep.'s rival
51 Regret
53 Sister

HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!



Feng Shui Bingo Brings Luck

At a recent Bingo, when Kate and I went to buy in we were offered two free Bonanzas if we would sit where we were told instead of choosing our own seats. Kate said, "Okay," and accepted the free cards.

"You'll have to answer three questions," said the attendant. "First: Is this your first, second or third time to play Bingo?"

"No," replied Kate, laughing.

"Second: Do you consider yourself a difficult or contentious person?"

"No," Kate laughed again.

"Third: Have you won more than \$250 playing Bingo in the past year?"

Kate looked at me questioningly. I nodded. "I think so."

"Then you two sit in this section," she said, indicating the nearest tables. She handed me two Bonanza cards as we moved away.

We couldn't figure out what it was

all about. We did notice that the group right in front of the caller was hilarious and one of them shouted that he was glad to have discovered Bingo.

"They must be the newcomers," said Kate. "That means that the farthest group are the argumentative ones."

"But what on earth does that have to do with playing Bingo?" I wondered. "None of the groups seemed to be doing better than any others."

I was unenlightened until intermission when the attendant came near enough to question.

"Our new manager is hooked on Feng Shui," she explained. "You are all oriented to the front door to create as harmonious an atmosphere as possible. This group is the money or prosperity section. The far group is the relationships section. We're trying the difficult relationships first and next week we'll try to find happy couples. The newcomers here in front are to increase openness."

"What does that have to do with Bingo?" I asked.

"We hope to increase the number of people who come to play with us and decrease the friction in the place."

"Does that sound a little crazy to you?" I asked Kate as the attendant moved away. She nodded and said, "Let's move over to the newcomer group and see what happens."

"What if we get caught?" I asked. "Will we be penalized for destroying the harmony in this room?"

Kate laughed. "The only harmony in a Bingo hall is before the games and before people start competing. Come on. The worst they can do is demand their free Bonanzas back and they won't do that."

We sneaked over to the new table, that is, if it is possible for regular-sized humans to sneak in broad daylight.

It was astonishing. As soon as we

moved, Kate won a regular game. We played another game which neither of us won. When the wheel game came along, we quickly moved to the contentious section. Again, Kate won.

"I wonder if we can move back to our original places before Bonanza?" I asked. We quickly moved again, caught up with our numbers and I won!

"Did you win on one of the free cards?" Kate asked.

"Yes, I did. What do you think all this is about?"

"I have no idea," said Kate. "But I like moving around and I like winning, so maybe the goddess of Feng Shui has decided to shine on us today."



- QUESTIONS**
1. Which artist released the album titled *All Things Must Pass*?
 2. Who was the first to release "Blue Bayou"?
 3. Which group released "Tears of a Clown"?
 4. Who released "Venus in Blue Jeans"?
 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "There goes my baby with someone new, She sure looks happy, I sure am blue."

- ANSWERS**
1. George Harrison, in 1970, right after the Beatles broke up. It was a triple album: two records of songs and one of jams with other musicians. It went to No. 1 in most places around the globe. The 50th Anniversary box set (2021) did not do nearly as well.
 2. The song's writer Roy Orbison, in 1961. Linda Ronstadt released her cover of the song in 1977, and it became her signature song.
 3. Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, in 1970. Robinson had been about to leave the group until he saw how well the song charted. He stayed two additional years.
 4. Jimmy Clanton, in 1962.
 5. "Bye Bye Love," by The Everly Brothers in 1957. While The Everly Brothers' release is the best-known version, others gave it a try over the years, including George Harrison (who changed the lyrics after his wife left him).

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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MAGIC MAZE

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: GRANNY —

Cameo	Honeycrisp	Liberty	Pink Lady
Fuji	Jazz	Lodi	Sundance
Gala	Jubilee	Melrose	Zestar
Goldrush	Keepsake	Opal	

SCRAMBLERS

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 gap!

Dormant
PLEASE

Target
PINTO

Cinch
SECTOR

Fasten
TAPES

TODAY'S WORD

JUMBLE

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

NEESS

MYERH

CAZIDO

LANUNA

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

Ooh! I should have ordered that. Here, let me have some.

Fresh pepper?

Hands off!

HER BOWL OF ROMAINE, DRESSING, PARMESAN AND CROUTONS LOOKED SO YUMMY, HE WANTED TO —

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

A: " " " "

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.

AN QG GBWGER RJ ESGZRG
ZKV FSAUG, ZKV SGZX NJSEG
QARCAK JMSDGXUGD, QG CZUG
RJ TGR GBEARGF.

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS NOW ON ASTROLOGY PAGE

BINGO LAND

STORIES FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

Getting Strategic About Bingo

In researching the latest in Bingo news, we came upon this information about improving your odds at Bingo, and while there is no real way, unfortunately, to actually influence the order in which Bingo numbers are drawn, there are some numbers systems that claim to help improve the odds of through analyzing numbers.

So, if you love to play Bingo, here are two popular strategies that may be worth exploring.

Granville's Method

The Granville method is used by stock market analysts to forecast price movements, and some claim it can help at Bingo. When selecting cards:

- * Have an equal ratio of high and low numbers
- * Have an equal ratio of even and odd numbers
- * Have an equal ratio of numbers ending in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9

Tippett's Method

Tippett, a British statistician, devised a system to increase the odds of winning in Bingo. Tippett assumed that the longer a 75-ball Bingo game goes on, the more probable it is that the balls drawn will be near the medium number of 38. Alternatively, he suggested that shorter games would have numbers closer to the outliers 1 and 75.

And here, to freshen your memory, are tens ways to truly improve your odds of shouting Bingo.

1. **Get to the Bingo Hall Early**
Preparation is key. Study the rules, the patterns and the schedule.
2. **Pick the Right Seat**
Choose a seat where you can see and be heard.
3. **Play More Cards (if you can)**
The more Bingo cards you hold, the better your odds of winning, just make sure you can actually keep track of those cards (and afford to play all those cards).
4. **Don't Forget Your Bingo Dauber**
Using Bingo daubers saves time and makes the patterns easy to see.
5. **Play Games with a Smaller Group**
The more people in the hall, the more your chances of having a winning Bingo diminishes, so attend weekdays when the crowds are thinner, and smaller halls to improve your chances of shouting Bingo.
6. **Pick a Variety of Bingo Cards**
You will have higher chances of winning if you choose cards that are distinct from each other (if you can).
7. **Watch Out for Side Bets**
Tabs and side bets can distract you from accurately marking your cards (and can have long odds), so make sure you are up to speed before adding side bets.
8. **Pay Attention**
This really should be number one. Missing numbers: not good.
9. **Highlight Patterns**
If it's allowed, mark unusual patterns before play with a pen or highlighter.
10. **Practice Online**
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LET'S GET COOKING!

Potato Croquettes Plus Giant Popover

Dear Annie,
I used to make potato croquettes many years ago. I lost my recipe and would like to try making them again. Hopefully you can help me.
Wendy M.

Dear Wendy,
It has been a while since I made potato croquettes. However, I found my recipe and are more than willing to share it with you. Enjoy!
—Annie

- POTATO CROQUETTES**
- 2 ½ pounds potatoes
 - 3 tablespoons butter
 - 3 ounces grated Parmesan cheese
 - 1-ounce shredded gruyere cheese
 - 2 eggs, divided
 - 1 tablespoon grated onion
 - salt and pepper to taste
 - breadcrumbs
 - butter or margarine

Boil potatoes until soft; peel and mash well. Stir in butter, cheese and one beaten egg, onion and seasoning. Form into croquettes, roll in remaining egg and breadcrumbs and fry in butter until golden brown about 10 minutes. Serves 6.

Dear Bingo Bugle Readers,
Here is a recipe I recently discovered in one of my many cookbooks. I tried it and loved it. So, now I am sharing it with all of you.
—Annie

GIANT APPLE POPOVER

- 6 eggs
- 1 ½ cups flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 ½ cups milk
- ¾ cup butter or margarine, divided
- 3 large apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
- lemon juice
- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cinnamon

Beat eggs; add flour, salt and sugar. Stir until smooth; gradually stir in milk. Batter may be made ahead of time. Divide batter between two (9 inch) skillets with oven proof handles. Sprinkle apple slices with lemon juice and divide between the two pans. Sprinkle sugar and cinnamon over apples and sauce until glazed and golden. Add half the egg batter to each pan. Bake at 425 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes until puffed and golden brown. Serve at once.

Your comments and questions about cooking and entertaining will be addressed in this monthly column. Write to "Ask Annie" c/o Annie Ennis, 17050 SE 91st Culvert Court The Villages, FL 32162. So Ask Annie. Don't forget you can E-mail me at aennis@thevillages.net. And let's get cooking.

FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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♥ RESHCA
♥ TARHE
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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.



Once the Chips Go In, the Rest Is Out of Your Hands

By Chad Holloway

There are many different forms of luck in a game of poker. For most, getting lucky in a hand of poker means something like cracking pocket aces with a smaller pocket pair by flopping a set. That's pretty standard. However, there are other forms of luck that play out in tournaments every day.

Case in point, the 2023 PokerStars Caribbean Adventure (PCA), which saw the best poker players from around the world travel to the Bahamas this past January. It was there that some of the highest-stakes action took place, including the \$10,300 PCA Main Event, a tournament that attracted 889 entrants and awarded a \$8,623,300 prize pool.

On Day 4 of that tournament, just 23 players remained in contention for the title when a big hand took place in Level 22 (10,000/20,000/20,000). It began when Michel Dattani raised to 40,000 from early position and Ramon Colillas three-bet to 185,000 from middle position, leaving himself just 5,000 behind. Elias Gutierrez then four-bet to 330,000 from the cutoff (the spot to the direct right of the button), and Dattani responded by moving all-in for 1.005 million.

Colillas called off his remaining 5,000 and then Gutierrez snap-called off his remaining stack as well before the cards were turned on their backs.

Michel Dattani: As-Ah
Elias Gutierrez: Qh-Qs
Ramon Colillas: Ac-Kd

Dattani had the best hand in all of poker, which proved to be a bit of a cooler for both Gutierrez and Colillas as they each held top quality hands. Dattani had a 75.18% chance of winning the hand, and the 9d-7s-5s flop didn't present any danger. As a matter of fact, Dattani's hammerlock on the hand increased to 89.04%.

The 7c turn left Colillas drawing dead, while Gutierrez needed one of the two remaining queens in the deck to stay alive, which would only happen a mere 4.76% of the time. The 6h on the river was safe for Dattani, who dispatched Colillas and Gutierrez in 23rd and 22nd place, respectively, for \$51,400 apiece.

Meanwhile, that hand gave Dattani a mountain of chips and helped him finish the day as the chip leader. Two days later, Dattani found himself as the last player standing to claim the prestigious title and \$1,316,963 in prize money after working a heads-up deal with fellow Portuguese player Pedro Neves, who received \$1,183,037.

There wasn't anything unusual about what took place — the best hand won after all — but it was a good example of another form of luck one must usually experience to win a poker tournament. That's to not only pick up a big hand, but to also have others pick up strong hands, then to fade those hands and successfully avoid a bad beat.

Once the chips go in, the rest is out of your hands. All you can do is buckle in for the next five cards to come and hope that you wind up holding the best hand when all is said and done.

Chad Holloway is a 2013 World Series of Poker bracelet winner and executive editor U.S. for PokerNews.com. Follow him on Twitter: @ChadAHolloway.

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PICKS OF THE MONTH

Shrinking (TV-MA) — Therapist Jimmy Laird (Jason Segel) is grieving the loss of his wife and the void she left behind, especially her role as a mother to their daughter, Alice. Since his job mostly consists of making other people feel heard, Jimmy tries his best to swallow his feelings and continue to help his clients. But at a certain point, there's only so much a person can take. So, one day, Jimmy decides to stop holding back his tongue and tells his clients exactly the kind of tough love they need to hear. Is it ethical? Eh. But does it make a difference? Definitely. With this new approach, Jimmy is able to start working through his own grief while assisting others to do the same. The first six episodes of the series are out now, with the upcoming four releasing weekly in the coming days. (AppleTV+)

The Consultant (NR) — Academy Award winner Christoph Waltz (*Django Unchained*) stars in this bingeable comedy thriller series out now. Waltz plays Regus Patoff, a consultant who gets hired to head the mobile game studio CompWare after CompWare's CEO gets murdered

mysteriously. Regus' job as consultant is to "observe, streamline and improve," but he starts shaking up the office in a way that confuses and intrigues the studio's employees. His oddness provokes two employees, Craig and Elaine, to start questioning his motives and his ties to the CEO's death, as Regus broadens the lengths necessary for them to keep their jobs. Nat Wolff (*The Fault in Our Stars*) and Brittany O'Grady (*The White Lotus*) also star in this twisty series, which was originally based on Bentley Little's 2015 novel of the same name. (Prime Video)

Perfect Match (TV-14) — Move over, *Love Island* and *Too Hot to Handle*. Hosted by Nick Lachey, this new series is adding an extra layer of drama to an already dramatic premise — a reality dating show. A group of contestants staying at a villa must pair up among themselves to share a suite together each night, but the contestants who win at the daily challenges get control of the board, which gives them the power to break other couples up or bring in new people. At the end of their time in the villa, the participants themselves will decide which couple is truly a perfect match. As if that isn't enough chaos, most of the participants have already been featured in other reality dating shows like *The Circle* and *The Ultimatum*, so this isn't their first rodeo. (Netflix)

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Gravity Is Heartless by Sarah Lahey

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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1. Pebble	S _ _ _ _ _	Make up for	A _ _ _ _ _
2. Split	_ _ _ _ _ D _	Heavenly	_ _ _ _ _ N _
3. Bird cage	_ _ _ _ T _ _	Derrick	_ _ _ _ N _
4. Lift	H _ _ _ _	Damp	M _ _ _ _
5. Olympics souvenir	_ _ _ D _ _ _	Iron or cooper, e.g.	_ _ _ T _ _ _
6. Grocery employee	_ _ A _ _ _ _	Larger	_ _ I _ _ _ _
7. Like Bullwinkle	_ _ O _ _ _ _	Like Mickey	_ _ _ U _ _ _
8. Vineyard building	W _ _ _ _ _	Glad rags	F _ _ _ _ _
9. Dog lead	_ _ _ _ _ H _	Smallest amount	_ _ _ _ _ T _
10. "Pride and Prejudice" author	_ _ _ _ _ E _	Lone Star capital	_ _ _ _ _ I _

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Gaming News



How Big is California Gambling?

ICE London, the world's largest gambling-industry conference and trade show was held earlier this year. In a panel discussion on tribal gaming, the chairman of the California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA) presented some interesting statistics on the extent of the tribes' influence in California. He noted that of the 270 tribes in the U.S. involved in gaming in some way, 70 (26%) of them are in California. Then, citing a recent report on total gaming revenue in the U.S., the chairman said that tribal gaming represents 44% of the total gaming market in the U.S. and that 24% of that 44% comes from California tribes. Doing the arithmetic, California tribes represent close to 1/10th of the gaming market—tribal and commercial—in the entire country. Imagine what it would be with sports betting.

Revenue Record

The American Gaming Association reported recently that gross gaming revenue for commercial (non-tribal) casinos set a new record in 2022. The \$60.4 billion was just under 14% more than the previous record of \$53 billion set in 2021. The \$7.4 billion difference nearly equates with the \$8.3 billion brought in by Strip casinos during the year, which was 17% above 2021's \$6.9 billion. Atlantic City ranked second in GGR at \$2.8 billion. The Boulder Strip came in 10th at \$966.6 million, Reno/Sparks was 12th at \$910.7 million, and downtown Las Vegas was 16th at \$787.1 million. The AGA projected that, including tribal casinos, total GGR for 2022 will break the \$100 billion mark for the first time.

100 Million Mobile Bets

GeoComply, the Internet compliance and anti-fraud company, recently announced that they conducted more than 100 million geolocation checks in 23 U.S. states and the District of Columbia over the Superbowl weekend, a 25% increase from Super Bowl weekend 2022. The company also recorded 7.4 million accounts, a 32% increase over 2022's game. (Since Super Bowl LVI, four states—Arkansas, Kansas, Maryland, and Ohio—legalized sports betting.) Also, more than 100,000 geolocation checks were conducted near or inside State Farm Stadium, where the game was played, from more than 8,000 sports books accounts. GeoComply checked the most geolocations in WSOP history: \$300. Mystery Millions will guarantee a \$1 million prize pool. And the \$1 million freeroll Tournament of the Champions has been moved to early in the series. Once again, CBS Sports will broadcast the series highlights and PokerGO will stream the events daily.

WSOP Announces 2023 Schedule

The World Series of Poker has announced its full schedule for the 2023 WSOP, its 54th annual tournament that runs May 30 to July 18 at the Horseshoe. Featuring 95 bracelet events and the WSOP's biggest-ever capacity (608 tables) organizers predict that it will be the largest tournament in its history, with the largest-ever field for the Main Event, which will take place July 3-17. The WSOP is holding a number of promotions in the run-up to this year's series to help break the Main Event player record. A new event, Gladiators of Poker, will boast the smallest buy-in event in WSOP history: \$300. Mystery Millions will guarantee a \$1 million prize pool. And the \$1 million freeroll Tournament of the Champions has been moved to early in the series. Once again, CBS Sports will broadcast the series highlights and PokerGO will stream the events daily.

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