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* When cooking meat, you have to take care. Here are two tips straight from my local butcher: First, let meats come to room temperature before cooking. It allows the meat to cook more evenly and you won't end up with a cold center and a burnt outside. Secondly, when your meat comes off the grill or out of the oven, give it time to rest before serving. This allows the juices to redistribute throughout the cut of meat, and you'll end up with juicy goodness in every bite.

* "Depending on how you scoop it, you can end up with too much or too little flour. Here is a tip about getting the best amount every time. Give the flour a stir with a spoon and then lightly spoon it into a measuring cup. When it is heaped over, use a knife to level out the measure without tamping down." — *Y.E. in Arkansas*

* "Baking is a science as well as an art. It's about interaction of ingredients and what happens when they mix in certain ways. So this is not so much a tip as a caution. Make sure of your substitutions, and use the right amounts of things. Then your cakes will be light and fluffy and your pastry will be flaky and moist." — *B.G. in Pennsylvania*

* Berries are in season and there's no greater time to stock up. But don't feel like you have to make jam out of all the berries. Freeze in a single layer and transfer to a freezer-safe bag or container. They can be popped into muffins and quick breads, as well as eaten straight out of the bag for a delicious treat.

* When searing meat on a stovetop, be sure your pan is oiled (if called for) and at temperature. Otherwise, it'll stick.

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Nuts for Bingo

Once a year we visit the deaf school for a session of super fun Bingo. Many of the kids remembered us as the “Bingo Nuts” from last year, and to make the impression last, we brought along fancy mixed nuts to distribute as snacks during the games.

I just love these kids. They sign to each other very rapidly, most of them lip read with accuracy, and they tease each other like all adolescents (they turn their backs to teachers instead of whispering).

This year the theme of the afternoon seemed to be giant pumpkins. There were several of the large orange creations sitting about and the kids were steering clear of them, having been warned that to “peek inside the pumpkin” was to risk being denied the right to play Bingo. One of the teachers explained that prizes for the games were inside the pumpkins and that the kids respected the rule of no peeking.

Our places were reserved at the table with the oldest kids who, at least theoretically, were not as noisy as some of the others.

When we first attended this annual Bingo event, we were under the mistaken belief that deaf children would be quiet. What a joy it was to hear the whistling, shouting, laughing and delight that surrounded us.

This year the games were a bit more complicated than in the past. We eased into play with “a regular or four corners,” but then went on to “teeter-totter,” “fly-swatter,” “empty square,” and a host of others that were unfamiliar. The games were all clearly, if sometimes lopsidedly, illustrated on cards posted around the room and I was impressed anew at the ability of the teachers to turn every activity into a learning experience. We were off and running at a furious pace, with the kids waving their Bingo signs uninhibitedly.

The first Bingo was followed by the winner’s dip into a pumpkin for a prize, which proved to be a DVD, close captioned and new enough to cause delight. All the other prizes were equally valued and obviously carefully chosen by the teachers.

The big surprise of the afternoon was the “Bingo Sisters Blackout.” It was a quinnella which means calling the numbers forward and backward and covering both numbers with each call. The kids loved saying “99” as soon as “66” was called. The game threatened to become riotous as enthusiasm grew. I hoped that one shy boy named Paul would win. He was familiarly called “Polly” by his classmates and seemed to need his ego boosted. I kept a watch on his cards to make sure he didn’t miss any numbers and was delighted when he got Bingo. The teacher brought the prize to me to give to him and it turned out to be a Polaroid camera, which thrilled him. The first picture he took was of me.

Afterward, driving home, Kate complained that neither of us had won anything. I reflected on the day and said with no small amount of feeling, “There are many ways of winning and I think this was one of the winningest days we’ve ever had.”

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Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Paying Off Credit Card Debt

Dear Savvy Senior,

My husband and I, who are retired, have accumulated about \$7,000 in credit card debt over the past few years and need some help paying it off. What can you tell us?

—Living Underwater

Dear Living,

I’m sorry to hear about your financial woes but know that you’re not alone. Credit card debt has become a big problem in this country for millions of older Americans. According to a recent AARP report, 52 percent of adults ages 50 to 64 have credit card debt, along with 42 percent of those ages 65 to 74.

Rising costs of basic expenses like food, housing, utilities and health care are the main culprits. But now, new tariffs on products made in China and other foreign countries will make many goods more expensive, which could make this problem worse. Of older adults carrying a balance, nearly half owe \$5,000 or more, and nearly a third owe upwards of \$10,000.

While paying off credit card debt can feel overwhelming, it’s doable with a solid plan and a bit of belt-tightening and persistence. Here are some strategies to help you tackle it.

Create a Budget

Start by taking a close look at your income and expenses to see where you can free up money to put toward your credit card debt. Also look for areas to reduce spending, such as dining out, entertainment or subscriptions. And see if you’re eligible for any financial assistance programs (see BenefitsCheckUp.org) that can help boost your budget by paying for things like food, utilities, medicine and health care.

Call the Card Company

While the average credit-card interest rate is more than 20 percent, some credit card companies may be willing to lower your

interest rate or work out a payment plan, especially if you’re struggling. It doesn’t hurt to ask.

Pay More Than the Minimum

Credit card companies only require the minimum payment, but it’s usually mostly interest. Try to pay more than the minimum every month to make a dent in the principal balance.

Choose a Repayment Strategy

If you have more than one credit card, pick one and get serious about paying it off. Start with the card that carries the highest interest rate, or the one with the smallest balance.

If you focus on paying off the card with the highest interest rate first, you’ll pay less interest over time, saving yourself a lot of money. Once the highest-interest card is paid off, move to the next highest, and so on.

Or you may want to start with the card with the smallest balance. Paying off smaller debts quickly can give you a sense of accomplishment and motivate you to keep going.

Consolidate Your Debt

If you have multiple high-interest cards, look into consolidating your debt with a low-interest personal loan from your bank or credit union. Or consider moving your debts to a balance transfer credit card with 0 percent interest for an introductory period, which is usually 15, 18 or 21 months. This will eliminate the amount of interest you’re paying temporarily. But be careful! Once the introductory promotion ends, the card company will charge interest on any remaining balance.

Consider a Debt Management Plan

If you need more help, use a nonprofit credit counseling agency (see NFCC.org) to create a debt management plan for you. At no cost, a counselor will go over your income and debts and determine what’s workable. The counselor will then negotiate with your lenders, to get a payment plan that will lower your interest and monthly payments and maybe forgive some debt.

If you accept their negotiated offer, you’ll start making one monthly payment to the counseling service, which will in turn pay the issuers. You’ll likely pay the agency a small fee and give up the cards included in the plan, but over time you’ll be able to pay off your debt.

BINGO LAND

NEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

Surviving or Thriving?

According to a surprising new survey, the stereotype in your head of a typical bingo player probably needs a refresh. Bingo players with blue hair may also sport nose rings and tattoos. Milwaukee’s Potawatomi Hotel & Casino survey claims 59% of bingo players are millennials. They’re followed by Gen Xers (21%) and Gen Zers (14%) The baby boomer set came in last at 6%.

The survey, published on paysbig.com, a website operated by the tribal casino, found that fully 80% of those who play bingo regularly were under 41 years old. Yet almost half (45%) of its respondents still believed that bingo was an older persons’ game. The website credits bingo phone apps—such as Bingo Blitz, Absolute Bingo, and Bingo at Home—with exposing the Justin Bieber set to the game beloved by their grandpa.

Other surprising facts turned up by the survey included that more than 1 in 10 Americans plays bingo, and that those who do play it often. Almost one in 10 play daily, while 32% play weekly, 53% play monthly, and 6% play yearly. In addition, 12% of Americans began their bingo fascination while stuck home during the pandemic, and another 9% picked it up as recently as March 2022.

According to the casino, which offers bingo, it surveyed 1,000 Americans in August 2022 about their bingo and gambling opinions and habits. Respondents were 49% female, 49% male, and 2% transgender/non-binary. The age range was 18 to 84, with an average age of 38 years old.

In America, playing bingo for cash is only legal in churches for charity, in Nevada casinos, and in Indian casinos such as the Potawatomi.

While Casino.org could not find any stories corroborating the paysbig.com survey’s conclusions about younger American generations embracing the game, they cited

a recent story in *The Holcad*, the student newspaper of Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa. It reported that bingo is sweeping the residence halls there following a resurgence during the pandemic shutdown. **Key Aspects of Bingo’s Status in the US:**

- * Large Player Base: The United States boasts a large number of bingo enthusiasts, with estimates indicating over 60 million annual participants.

- * Widespread Availability: Bingo is played in various settings, including dedicated bingo halls, community centers, casinos (in some states), and online platforms.

- * Social Aspect: Bingo is highly valued for its social component, allowing players to connect with friends and build communities.
- * Online Bingo Growth: Online bingo has seen significant growth in recent years, making the game accessible to a wider audience, including younger players.

- * Mobile Gaming: The rise of mobile devices and improved internet connectivity has made it easier for players to access online bingo games on smartphones and tablets, increasing accessibility and convenience.

- * Evolving Demographics: While historically associated with older adults, bingo is experiencing a shift in demographics, with a growing number of younger players joining in, particularly through online platforms and modern variations like music bingo.

- * Charitable Fundraising: Bingo remains a popular tool for charitable fundraising, with organizations benefiting from the revenue generated through ticket sales.
- * Market Growth Potential: The online bingo games market in North America is projected to continue growing, with opportunities in different segments and age groups.

Cedric The Entertainer to Bring the Laughs to Morongo

Beloved comedian and star of film, TV and the comedy stage comes to Morongo’s Grand Ballroom on Friday, Sept. 19.

Morongo Casino Resort & Spa – With his signature svelte fedora and outrageous wit, the dapper Cedric The Entertainer is poised to bring his side-splitting observations on life and the world to the Morongo Casino Resort & Spa on Friday, Sept. 19.

“From television to the big screen to comedy clubs across the country, Cedric The Entertainer always lives up to his name, bringing a fun, fresh vibe and an unpredictable spirit to his shows,” said Amy Hunstock, Morongo’s Vice President of Marketing.

Starting on the hit CBS sitcom “The Neighborhood,” which is now in its eighth season, Cedric got his start as a host on “It’s Showtime at the Apollo,” BET’s “ComicView” and the Def Comedy Jam in the 1990s. He co-starred with Steve Harvey on The WB sitcom “The Steve Harvey Show” and as one of The Original Kings of Comedy. He also starred in the TV Land original series, “The Soul Man.”

Cedric has appeared in dozens of films, from the hilarious “Big Momma’s House” with Martin Lawrence to “Barbershop” with Ice Cube to Disney’s animated blockbuster “Planes” and the critically acclaimed drama “First Reformed” with Ethan Hawke.

Tickets for the Morongo show are available starting at \$69 via Ticketmaster. Doors open at 7 PM, with the show starting at 8 PM.



Los Nuevos Rebeldes Set to Light Up the Stage at Morongo

The Banda favorites known for their bold sound and massive fan following will perform on Friday, August 8 in the Morongo Grand Ballroom.

Morongo Casino Resort & Spa – The powerhouse Latin group Los Nuevos Rebeldes will bring their signature blend of banda, norteño, and corridos to the Morongo Grand Ballroom on Friday, August 8, delivering an unforgettable night of music and storytelling that fans won’t want to miss.

With deep roots in Sinaloa and a modern twist on traditional sounds, Los Nuevos Rebeldes is celebrated for songs that speak to life, loyalty, and resilience. Over their two-decade career, they’ve released 19 albums and built a passionate fanbase online, amassing millions of streams and a massive social media following.

Among their most loved tracks are “Juan Ignacio,” “Luto En El Cielo,” “Soldado Imperial,” and “Tipo Tren”—anthemic songs that continue to resonate with fans across generations.

“We are excited to host Los Nuevos Rebeldes at Morongo, a group that continues to captivate audiences,” said Amy Hunstock, Morongo’s Vice President of Marketing. “Their energy, storytelling, and deep connection with their audiences make every show feel personal and powerful.”

Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$49 and are available through Ticketmaster.

The Dazz Band & The Delfonics Bring Soulful Classics to Morongo

Two legendary groups will bring their iconic funk and classic sounds to the Morongo Grand Ballroom on Saturday, August 9.

Morongo Casino Resort & Spa - R&B legends The Dazz Band and The Delfonics will bring smooth grooves and timeless soul to the stage at the Morongo Casino Resort & Spa on Saturday, August 9 for an evening packed with funk favorites that defined a generation.



“The Dazz Band and The Delfonics helped shape the soundtrack of the ‘70s and ‘80s, and we’re thrilled to bring them together for one unforgettable night at Morongo,” said Amy Hunstock, Morongo’s Vice President of Marketing.

Winners of a Grammy Award for Best R&B Performance, The Dazz Band rose to fame with hits like “Let It Whip,” “Joystick,” and “Swoop (I’m Yours).” Known for their infectious fusion of funk, R&B, and dance, the Cleveland-based group continues to wow audiences with high-octane performances that bring the party wherever they go.

Joining The Dazz Band at Morongo, The Delfonics are revered pioneers of the Philadelphia soul sound, whose smooth vocals and romantic ballads made them icons of classic R&B. With timeless hits like “La-La (Means I Love You),” and “Ready or Not Here I Come,” The Delfonics have influenced generations of artists.

Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$39 and are available now through Ticketmaster.

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ANSWERS

1. The melody is Minuet in G Major by Christian Petzold, in 1725. For a long time it was believed that it had been written by Johann Sebastian Bach because the song was found in a compilation by Bach’s sister.
2. “Saturday in the Park.” in 1972. The Italian lyric comes from “Eh, Cumpari” by Julius La Rosa, in 1953.
3. The Commodores, in 1985. The song charted around the globe.
4. Rod Stewart, in 1981.
5. Theme song from *The Monkees* television show, 1966-1968, starring Micky Dolenz, Michael Nesmith, Peter Tork and Davy Jones. The show was canceled after the second season due to a dispute: The band wanted more guest stars and the TV network didn’t. Meanwhile, the show’s exposure did make the group very successful.

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Double Jackpot Wins Light Up Bingo Room at Edgewater Casino Resort

LAUGHLIN, Nev. – July 21, 2025 – The Bingo Room at Edgewater Casino Resort, located at 2020 S. Casino Drive, awarded two major progressive bingo jackpots in early July, totaling more than \$63,000 in combined winnings.

On Thursday, July 10, Glenna D., a Legit True Rewards member from Rancho Cucamonga, California, won the Double Progressive Bingo Jackpot, taking home \$56,826. Her winning card achieved a full coverall within the posted number of balls, triggering a payout that had been building since late May.

Double Progressive Bingo is a coverall game that starts at 32 numbers and progresses every 14 days until it reaches the 35th number, where it will remain until the jackpot is won. Double Progressive bingo cards are available for \$1 each in paper or digital formats, and may be purchased during any session. Players must pay the session's minimum buy-in, and Double Progressive cards are only valid during the session in which they are purchased. The jackpot, currently at \$16,000 and growing, must be won within the posted number of balls drawn. For more Double Progressive rules, visit the website here.

Just two days later, on Sunday, July 12, Rebecca P., a Loyal True Rewards member from nearby Bullhead City, Arizona, won the Bingo Cashball Jackpot totaling \$6,789 during the 7 p.m. session. She hit bingo with the Cashball number as the final number called, triggering the jackpot that had been building for that session.

To be eligible for the Cashball progressive, players must validate their packs with a \$1 or \$2 fee per pack, which is valid only for the session in which it is purchased and must be confirmed on the player's receipt. For complete Bingo Cashball rules and details, visit the website here.

The Bingo Room at Edgewater hosts sessions daily at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. To learn more about the Bingo Room at Edgewater, as well as follow any jackpot updates, visit the website here.

More information about Edgewater Casino Resort is available by calling (866) 352-3553 or (702) 298-2453, on the website at Edgewater-Casino.com, and on social media at Facebook, X and Instagram.

Boggle BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

BOGGLE POINT SCALE

3 letters = 1 point
 4 letters = 2 points
 5 letters = 3 points
 6 letters = 4 points
 7 letters = 5 points
 8 letters = 10 points
 9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING

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 21-30 = Rookie
 11-20 = Amateur
 0-10 = Try again

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 Find AT LEAST EIGHT METALS in the grid of letters.

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Out on a Limb
 NEW AND OLD PAYMENT METHODS.

by Gary Kopervas

PAY UP, PAL...

The Spats

OOPS!

I MUST HAVE CROSSED THE LINE

I HOPE IT'S NOT A "FIRING" ONE.

Glenna D. won the Double Progressive Bingo Jackpot, taking home \$56,826

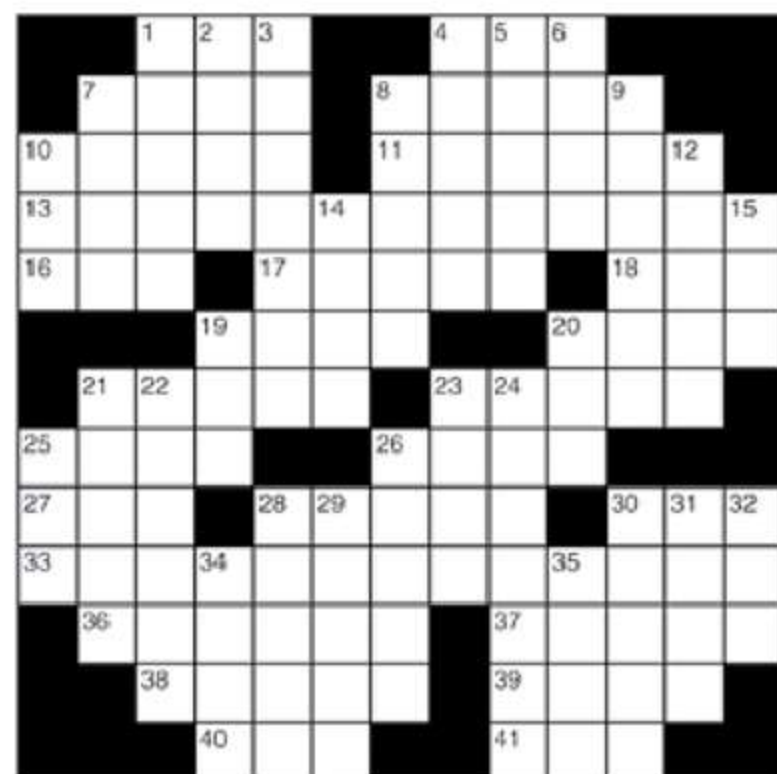
Rebecca P. won the Bingo Cashball Jackpot totaling \$6,789

COFFEE BREAK!

BINGO BUGLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 — Na Na
4 Swindle
7 Summery desserts
8 Fusses
10 Sixth president
11 Many
13 Proof of a crime
16 Sprite
17 Unclear
18 Still, in verse
19 Say it isn't so
20 Rhyming tributes
21 Groups of musicians
23 Slanted edge
25 Volcanic outflow



26 One of the Three Bears
27 Sailor's assent
28 Unwilling
30 Fine, to NASA
33 Texas city
36 Bill-payment period
37 Alan of "Little Miss Sunshine"
38 Mystery writer's award
39 Don of radio
40 Sun, speech

41 Rand McNally item
10 Expert
12 Man of — (Superman comparison)
14 Catches some rays
15 — and outs
19 "CSI" evidence
20 Eggs
21 Louisiana marsh
22 Unwilling
23 Dog owner's ordeal
24 Son of

25 Fond du —, Wis.
26 Harness horse
28 Thrust
29 "Argo" award
30 Invite to the penthouse
31 Elevator name
32 Family
34 Cushions
35 "Joy of Cooking" writer
Rombauer

DOWN

1 Muffler
2 Rope fiber
3 Took for granted
4 Made pigeon sounds
5 "Strange to say ..."
6 — me tangere
7 "American —"
8 Hot rum drink
9 Withdraw

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E T T E R U C X W U T S N V Q

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: SURGEON'S KNIFE

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Curette Nebulizer Pipette Ventilator
Dialyser Needles Stethoscope

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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

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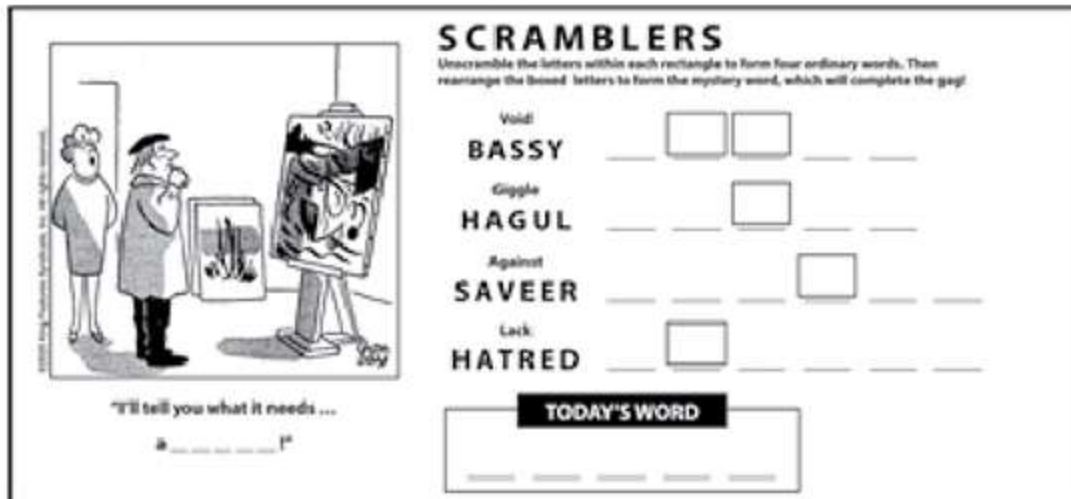


Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

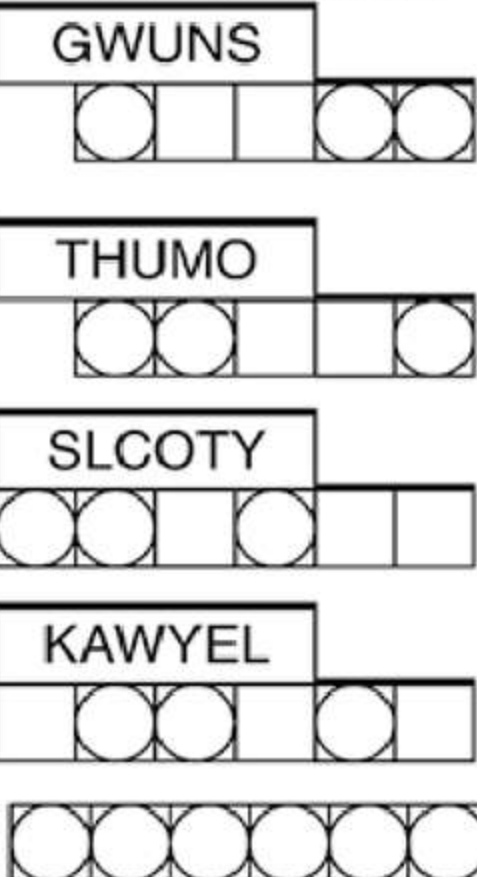
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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

SCRAMBLERS



JUMBLE

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



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

CryptoQuote

AKYDUBAAZK is LONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, K 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.

WQ ZEXFSFJQ, KHXVSQ, HD
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CHYZRZXC KMZ UFZ DHJUXC.
— YEIHDZFTEXI WFSXQ

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COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS NOW ON ASTROLOGY PAGE



Meet Your New Meal Prep Hero: The Southwestern Black Bean & Corn Salad

If you're looking for a meal prep wonder that works as hard as you do, this Southwestern Black Bean & Corn Salad is here to save the day!

Made with pantry-friendly ingredients, this colorful salad keeps beautifully in the fridge for up to five days and offers endless ways to enjoy it. Whether you're adding it to a bed of mixed greens, tossing it into quesadillas or serving it as a hearty taco or wrap filling, it's a versatile addition to your meal rotation.

It also makes a delicious topping for baked or sweet potatoes and pairs perfectly with grilled chicken or fish for a light, refreshing side. With so many options, this salad is your secret weapon, and it's easily doubled or tripled to ensure stress-free, flavorful meals all week long.

SOUTHWESTERN BLACK BEAN & CORN SALAD

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 15 minutes

For the Dressing:

2 tablespoons olive oil
Juice and zest of one lime
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
1/2 teaspoon brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/4 teaspoon cumin
1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon table salt

For the Salad:

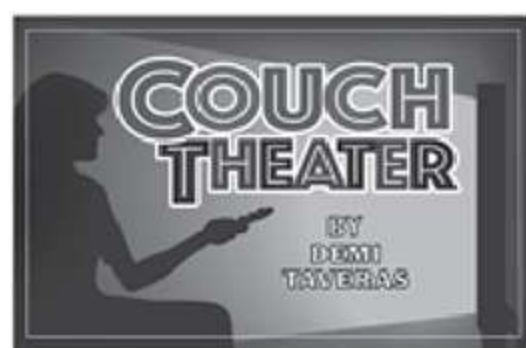
1 (15 ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 cup frozen corn, thawed
1/2 cup red onion, diced
1/2 cup red pepper, diced
1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped

In the bottom of a salad bowl, whisk together all dressing ingredients to emulsify. Add the salad ingredients, tossing to combine. This gets better as it sits, so I recommend refrigerating this at least two hours before serving.

This salad is delicious when made into hearty quesadillas. They are a great choice for a quick weeknight dinner or a delicious snack. The combination of black beans, sweet corn and melty cheese wrapped in a crispy tortilla is the perfect comfort food.

Gasoline Alley

By Jim Scancarelli



PICKS OF THE MONTH

Squid Game: Season 3 (TV-MA) — After two unbelievably entertaining and heartbreaking seasons, the South Korean survival-thriller series *Squid Game* is coming to an end with its third season. Viewers were dragged along for Gi-hun's insane ride through the first round of the deadly games, then another time for a second round of even deadlier games. We've seen how close Jun-ho has gotten to finding his brother and the island, and we've seen the Front Man become even more sinister than we could have imagined. Season three kicks off with the remaining players from season two and the Front Man back in his position of power, and you can bet that this final round of games will be unforgettable. (Netflix)

The Actor (R) — This crime-mystery film led by Andre Holland and Gemma Chan tells the story of a New York actor in the 1950s named Paul Cole (Holland). After being beaten and left for dead in Ohio, Paul wakes up with a bout of amnesia and tries to piece together information about his life. Stranded in an unknown town with a scrambled brain and without enough money to buy a train ticket home, Paul is forced to claw his way back to the status he once had. But the catch is ... when he makes it back to his city living and socialite ways, will he want that same life back? (Hulu)

Frozen: The Hit Broadway Musical (TV-PG) — For die-hard fans of the 2013 smash hit *Frozen* (as well as those who like to catch the Frozen Sing-Along Celebration at Hollywood Studios in Disney World), now is the chance to catch the hit Broadway musical from the comfort of

your own couch. Samantha Barks and Stephanie McKeon respectively star as Princess Elsa and Princess Anna, who face the hardest challenge of their lives when Elsa accidentally freezes their kingdom in an eternal winter. The musical includes 12 original songs that weren't featured in the film in addition to songs like "Let It Go" and "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" The West End production featured in this special ran more than 1,000 performances over three years! Check it out now. (Disney+)

Write in to Couch Theater by emailing TheCouchTheater@gmail.com or writing to KFWs, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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SOUTHWESTERN BLACK BEAN & CORN QUESADILLAS

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 15 minutes

1 recipe black bean and corn salad
2 cups shredded Mexican blend, or cheddar cheese
8 (8-inch) flour tortillas
Cooking spray or oil and/or butter, as needed

Preheat a skillet over low heat and coat with cooking spray or melt a mix of 2 teaspoons each of olive oil and butter. The blend of oil and butter gives the quesadillas a rich, golden crisp that makes them extra satisfying.

Stir the shredded cheese into the black bean and corn mixture so you get that perfect gooey filling with each bite of quesadilla.

Increase the heat to medium and cook each quesadilla one at a time until golden brown and crispy, and the cheese is fully melted. You want the tortillas to have that satisfying crunch, with just the right amount of crispiness.

Place one tortilla in the skillet at a time. Place 1/2 cup of the bean and cheese mixture over the tortilla and spread it evenly to the edges. Once the cheese has melted, fold the tortilla in half, making a half-moon shape, pressing down gently to help seal. Repeat with the remaining tortillas and bean mixture adding butter and oil as needed.

Slice into triangles and serve immediately. These quesadillas are fantastic on their own, but feel free to serve them with your favorite dipping sauce, like salsa, sour cream or guacamole.

Whether you're meal prepping for the week or looking for a quick, satisfying meal, this Southwestern Black Bean & Corn Salad is a game-changer. So go ahead, whip up a batch and enjoy stress-free, healthy meals all week long!

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime — Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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QUESTIONS

1. What ice sport, popular in Russia and Scandinavia, is played with a ball instead of a puck and has rules similar to soccer?
2. Name the sisters who played basketball for the Stanford Cardinal and were the No. 1 overall picks in the WNBA Draft in 2012 and 2014.
3. On the TV sitcom *Seinfeld*, what member of the New York Mets did Newman (Wayne Knight) heckle outside Shea Stadium after a June 14, 1987, loss to the Philadelphia Phillies?
4. American athlete Valarie Allman won gold medals at the 2020 Tokyo and 2024 Paris Summer Olympics competing in what track and field event?
5. What NASCAR driver, winner of 20 Cup Series races from 1950-71, died after suffering a seizure and crashing during an Easter 1972 late model race at North Carolina's Metrolina Fairgrounds?
6. Name the Dallas Cowboys defensive end who took the 1979 NFL season off to pursue a pro boxing career before returning to the Cowboys in 1980.
7. They purchased the Buffalo Bills NFL franchise in 2014. Their daughter Jessica reached the finals at the 2024 U.S. Open tennis tournament. Who are they?

ANSWERS

1. Bandy.
2. Nneka (2012) and Chiney (2014) Ogburne.
3. Keith Hernandez.
4. Discus throw.
5. Speedy Thompson.
6. Ed "Too Tall" Jones.
7. Terry and Kim Pegula.

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by Bonnie Mitchell

Out of Line?

Dear Lawrence,

I am 61 years old and disabled. My sister is 67 and also disabled and uses a walker. I have to use an oxygen tank to go to Bingo. At the Bingo we attend, they have a disabled line, but everybody is in this line. People with wheelchairs, canes, tanks and walkers who visibly have trouble walking shouldn't have to stand in line. That's why they have a disabled line. Why does management let anyone get served? Why do people with no disability go in this line? They have no compassion, and don't realize someday some of them will need this line for real.

—Lawrence S., via e-mail

Dear Lawrence,

Part of the problem may be that it's hard for hall management to make on-the-spot decisions about who does, and does not, belong in the line for the disabled. Yes, it is easy to spot someone with an oxygen tank or walker, but someone with vision impairment or a hearing problem may also consider the disabled line for himself or herself, and such



a disability is impossible for management to identify. And I suspect the last thing Bingo organizers want to do is argue with each person in the line about the degree of their disability.

One idea would be to have the Bingo Hall issue some kind of "pass" for players who truly need assistance. If you do not have a pass, you must use the regular line. However, I suspect this, too, would result in arguments from players that are determined not to be "disabled enough" for the special line.

I hope readers will write in and tell us how their hall handles lines and seating for their customers with disabilities as I am sure this issue must arise at other halls. —Aunt Bingo

Send your comments and questions to: Aunt Bingo c/o the Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070. You also may e-mail them to the editor at tara@bingobugle.com. Letters may be edited for space and clarity.



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Can This Poker Player Make a Gutsy Call in This \$1.95 Million Pot?

By Chad Holloway

One of the most popular poker live streams on YouTube is Hustler Casino Live, which broadcasts out of California's Hustler Casino. Arguably their most popular stream is their annual Million Dollar Game, which requires each player to buy in for at least \$1,000,000!

The 3rd annual Million Dollar Game ran from April 28 thru May 2, 2025, and as usual the chips, and subsequent fortunes they represented, were flying in the \$500/\$1,000 with a \$2,000 big blind ante cash game.

On Day 1 of the game, poker pro Alan Keating, known for his James Bond-esque persona, clashed with Peter, a mysterious Chinese businessman who made a name for himself on PokerGO's hit show High Stakes Poker.

It began when Peter looked down at the J♥J♠ and raised to \$6,000. Keating called from the cutoff (the spot directly to the right of the dealer button) with the Q♠10♠. A player known as Jack then three-bet to \$26,000 after picking up the Q♥Q♦ in the small blind.

Both Peter and Keating called and it was three-way action to a flop of 4♠7♠6♠. Jack

continued for \$35,000 and Peter called with his own overpair. Keating had the worst hand and only a 2.1% chance of winning the hand according to the PokerNews Odds Calculator.

It'd be easy for him to give up on the hand by folding and sacrificing the \$26,000 he'd already invested, but that's not what James Bond would do, now is it? Instead, Keating raised big to \$180,000.

It was a valiant bluff, but one that failed as both Jack and Peter called with their big pocket pairs. The 2♠ turn changed nothing, and it checked to Keating, who seemed to slow down by checking.

That brought about the A♦ on the river, one of the most interesting cards that could appear. Why? Not only did it complete a diamond flush draw, it also put on the board and overcard to Jack and Peter's pocket pairs. With \$621,000 in the middle, both those players checked and the door was opened for Keating to take another stab at it.

He did just that by moving all in for \$663,000! The bluff had to get through two players, but could they really call now that the board had both a completed flush draw and an ace?

It was too much for Jack, who didn't know he held the best hand, and he folded.

Peter then hit the tank — meaning he thought for several minutes before making a decision (i.e. the "think tank"). Could his pocket jacks be good? If Keating had flopped a flush draw, why wouldn't he bet the turn? Was he just trying to use the scare card on the river to his benefit? Or did he really have the goods?

It was a polarized decision, referring to a situation where a player's range is split into very strong hands and bluffs, with no medium-strength hands. In other words, Keating either had a strong hand, like the flush or pair of aces, or he had absolutely nothing. He wasn't betting with say a pair of sevens.

It looked as if Keating was going to get away with it, but Peter dug deep and made an insane call to win a \$1.95 million pot! It was one of the gutsiest calls ever in one of poker's biggest games. Give credit to both players, and they played an iconic hand at the highest level of poker!

Chad Holloway is a 2013 World Series of Poker bracelet winner, host of the PokerNews Podcast, and PR & Media Manager for PokerNews.com. Follow him on Twitter: @ChadAHolloway.

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1. How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Mason Thames, Nico Parker
2. Lilo & Stitch (PG) Maia Kealoha, Sydney Agudong
3. Materialists (R) Dakota Johnson, Chris Evans
4. Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning (PG-13) Tom Cruise, Hayley Atwell
5. Ballerina (R) Ana de Armas, Keanu Reeves
6. Karate Kid: Legends (PG-13) Jackie Chan, Ben Wang
7. Final Destination: Bloodlines (R) Kaitlyn Santa Juana, Teo Briones
8. The Phenician Scheme (PG-13) Benicio Del Toro, Mia Threapleton
9. The Life of Chuck (R) Tom Hiddleston, Jacob Tremblay
10. Sinners (R) Michael B. Jordan, Miles Caton

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- Bath time:** To the beach or hose in the back yard. Or a nice romp in a clean kiddie pool around noon.
- Get a trim:** Make sure not to trim all the way down to his skin, as this will leave your pet without protection from the sun.
- Exercise intelligently:** It's usually best when kept to the early hours of the morning and later in the night.
- Beat the heat, stay inside:** It may be a tad inconvenient to drag a bigger, wilder dog inside for the afternoon, but animals are more sensitive to heat than people.

Source: globalanimal.org
Graphics: Staff, This

Suncoast Hotel & Casino Unveils All-New Bingo Room

LAS VEGAS —Suncoast Hotel & Casino today announced the unveiling of its all-new Bingo Room, introducing an exciting new gaming experience as it continues its property-wide transformation.

Conveniently located on the west side of the casino floor, the new, state-of-the-art Bingo Room is a bold reimagining of a timeless classic, designed to deliver high-energy entertainment within a modern setting. This premier venue embodies sophistication and fun in equal measure. As part of Suncoast's ongoing renovation efforts, the new 9,170 square-foot Bingo Room features a modern coastal aesthetic theme along with a massive 17-foot bouncing bingo ball chandelier. The 406-seat room also features a snack bar and a glass-enclosed smoking area with its own ventilation system. The Bingo Room is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.



To celebrate the debut of the new bingo room, Suncoast will be hosting a Glitz & Bingo grand opening weekend beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, and Sunday, August 3. The event is open to the public. The event will include a High Roller Bingo game, which awards \$8,000 to the overall prize payout when you call Bingo on a High Roller Ball and Roll to Win, which will allow winners to roll the dice and potentially be paid double.

The opening of the Bingo Room is a continuation of work that began in late 2023, when Boyd Gaming launched a complete transformation of the Suncoast beginning with the debuts of an all-new High Limit Room and William B's Steakhouse. Renovations have continued and include a revamped sportsbook and casino floor spaces. Future plans include the remodel of guest favorite Du-Pars, a modernized bowling center, expanded banquet and meeting space, reimagined bar spaces, hotel rooms, casino pit, front desk registration, the addition of a new food hall concept and a complete transformation of the entire casino floor.

For more information, visit www.suncoast.boydgaming.com.

Thank you to our loyal Bingo Bugle readers!

Alondra B.
St. Bernard Catholic School

Mary C. (\$500 winner)
Santa Ana Elks

Kimberly S.
St. Joseph High School

Phi N.
40 Martyrs

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

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: P equals W

MO Z JNNGHJ MC
ZEENQMEBRQ ENMCQ PFHGFHJ
PZRLMEB ONJPZJS NJ IZYL PZJS,
MG YJNPC INGF PZQC.

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Lucky Predictions for August 2025

ARIES: March 21 to April 19

1st thru 6th...
You da high roller (3rd)!
7th thru 12th...
PURPLE probability 8th\$
13th thru 18th...
Double win 16th-17th\$
19th thru 24th...
RED's hot the 21st!
25th thru 31st...
You gain Speed the 30th

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20

1st thru 6th...
Hard card rewards the 5th!
7th thru 12th...
BLUE bankroll 10th-11th\$
13th thru 18th...
Pleasing results the 15th!
19th thru 24th...
Game picks up 19th/24th\$
25th thru 31st...
Cool it

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21

1st thru 6th...
Not yet
7th thru 12th...
It's happening 7th-8th\$!
13th thru 18th...
Cannot lose 12th-13th\$
19th thru 24th...
RED reigns 21st!
25th thru 31st...
Time to celebrate 25th-26th!

CANCER: June 22 to July 22

1st thru 6th...
Cash rushes to you the 1st!
7th thru 12th...
BLUE's in the groove 10th\$
13th thru 18th...
On point to pay 14th-15th!
19th thru 24th...
Worth shouting about 23rd-24th!
25th thru 31st...
Right on da money 28th-29th!

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22

1st thru 6th...
Double duty bet\$ the 3rd
7th thru 12th...
Pretty big the 12th!
13th thru 18th...
Step right up the 16th\$
19th thru 24th...
ORANGE flares\$ 21st!
25th thru 31st...
Happy wins 25th & 30th\$!

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

1st thru 6th...
Amp up to win 4th-5th\$
7th thru 12th...
Trying won't help
13th thru 18th...
Little in, big out 14th-15th\$
19th thru 24th...
BLUE's best 19th & 24th!
25th thru 31st...
Exciting edge the 29th\$!

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

1st thru 6th...
Get what's yours the 3rd!
7th thru 12th...
Unusually good the 8th\$!
13th thru 18th...
Make it happen 16th\$
19th thru 24th...
RED for the win 21st\$
25th thru 31st...
Full throttle wins the 30th!

SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21

1st thru 6th...
Positive prospects 1st & 5th\$!
7th thru 12th...
GREEN all the way 10th\$
13th thru 18th...
Beg off
19th thru 24th...
Game's yours 19th & 24th!
25th thru 31st...
Make it so the 29th\$

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

1st thru 6th...
Narrow window the 3rd\$
7th thru 12th...
YELLOW shines 8th/12th\$
13th thru 18th...
Stop after the 13th
19th thru 24th...
Get busy 21st-22nd
25th thru 31st...
Easy to master 25th & 30th\$

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

1st thru 6th...
BLUE brings \$S the 1st
7th thru 12th...
Put it down on PURPLE 10th\$!
13th thru 18th...
Cash out big 14th-15th\$
19th thru 24th...
Worth your while 24th
25th thru 31st...
On a roll 28th-29th\$

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

1st thru 6th...
On the right path the 3rd\$
7th thru 12th...
Even the 8th / big splash 12th\$
13th thru 18th...
Multiple wins 16th-17th!
19th thru 24th...
Time out
25th thru 31st...
Oh yeah, baby 25th & 30th!

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20

1st thru 6th...
Odds in your favor 5th-6th\$!
7th thru 12th...
Better chances the 11th
13th thru 18th...
GREEN godsend 14th-15th\$
19th thru 24th...
Cool BLUE win 19th-20th!
25th thru 31st...
It's all good the 29th\$!

Color associations refer to lucky objects, daubers, cards, machines, clothing/jewels you wear, or a dominant color in the room.

PREDICTORS LUCKY CARD FOR AUGUST 2025

11	16	40	54	72
2	26	34	48	66
15	19	★	59	69
10	23	42	58	68
9	29	43	49	64

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2025**

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2nd	Sandcastle Day
4th	Coast Guard Birthday
7th	Purple Heart Day
9th	Full Moon ☾
13th	Left Handers' Day
15th	Relaxation Day
16th	Last Quarter Moon ☾
17th	National Senior Citizens Day
23rd	New Moon ☾
26th	Women's Equality Day
31st	First Quarter Moon ☾



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Horoscopes for August 2025

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): Carve out time to prioritize and schedule your intentions. Saturn in your sign now requires maturity and bringing to the fore the wisdom you've accrued. A lot will be asked of you in the years ahead. This preparatory phase will help you prepare for the adventure.

Lucky Days: 1 - 10
Lucky Numbers: 5 - 43

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): Recruit new comrades into your circle, those that will promote your urge to turn everything upside down. If cornered in business matters, pause to reassess and rearrange terms. Contracts and commitments are up for review. Host a party for revolutionaries.

Lucky Days: 16 - 29
Lucky Numbers: 32 - 44

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): Your imagination is moving into a quiet phase in preparation for Uranus' big-deal entry into your sign next month. Soon you'll want to re-evaluate all the places and causes that you've made commitments to. If not working to improve them, you'll be looking to discard them.

Lucky Days: 12 - 26
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 54

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Jupiter—the don't fence me in planet—is transiting your sun now. There's a necessity to sharpen your focus and forge a detailed, step-by-step approach towards goals and aims. Ask yourself what supports optimism most in your life, and then walk directly into enacting those realizations.

Lucky Days: 2 - 11
Lucky Numbers: 15 - 18

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): The word influence is based on ancient astrological principles. Namely, the ways in which the cosmos inspires and energizes our day-to-day lives. For the rest of the year, you need to study what influences you most. You'd be surprised what you're susceptible to right now.

Lucky Days: 13 - 17
Lucky Numbers: 2 - 34

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): Now that Neptune is no longer opposing your sign, clarity and direct motion are much easier to achieve. A hidden side of your life is attempting to find ground. Imagine yourself as an advocate and freedom fighter. You shine brightest when helping others.

Lucky Days: 17 - 44
Lucky Numbers: 19 - 29

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): There's a good chance you'll find success with a project that's confounded you throughout the first part of this year, but it will take careful strategizing. You're an ace when it comes to charming others, apply that same diplomatic approach to those who hold the power that you covet.

Lucky Days: 7 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 5 - 50

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): Time to fine tune your sensitivity and bring a lighter touch to your world. Yes, the extremes throughout the first part of the year were challenging, but you're ready to apply the wisdom you've acquired in a balanced way. Cooperation is the key.

Lucky Days: 27 - 28
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 48

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): Plan to rework your schedule to devote more time to neglected businesses. Or ditch a few of the pots on your cooktop. Streamline. Because you value freedom, you're not one to create limitations, but conditions have reached a point where you want to establish and maintain boundaries.

Lucky Days: 10 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 7 - 36

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20): If you're following the rules and mandates of someone else, you'll lose track of your inner guidance. You rise to the occasion and bring your best game when you find ways to surmount adversities.

Lucky Days: 11 - 17
Lucky Numbers: 32 - 37

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): The theme for the rest of the year? Solve the tension between old mental habits and fresh ways of seeing and evaluating the world. What's at stake is an attitude shift regarding solitude and your desire to assert yourself in a new group. Choose the latter, you're ready for a new social scene.

Lucky Days: 16 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 55

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): Saturn will backtrack into your sign in September for one final set of lessons. The key to winning is putting all of your facts in order. The better organized you become, the more power you have to define your direction forward. This is the cosmos' way of readying you for more freedom.

Lucky Days: 5 - 27
Lucky Numbers: 2 - 54

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Abyss 2. Laugh 3. Averse 4. Dearth
Today's Word: BUYER

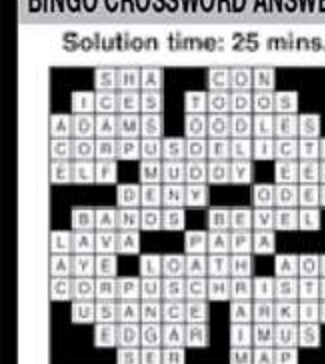
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HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Desk is wider. 2. Nose is smaller. 3. Blinds are higher. 4. Pocket is moved. 5. File cabinet is taller. 6. Desk lamp is different.

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: If a rooster is annoyingly noisy whether walking forward or backward, it crows both ways.

BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS



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

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Even Exchange answers

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| 2. Pulse, Purse | 7. Fumble, Mumble |
| 3. Ditch, Dutch | 8. Globe, Glove |
| 4. Wander, Wonder | 9. Devour, Devout |
| 5. Liner, Linen | 10. Picket, Pocket |

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“You’re an idiot!”

I sometimes receive compliments from readers on something that I write about blackjack. But I also sometimes receive scathing emails or letters that basically say what an idiot I am. Trust me when I say you have to have thick skin to be in this business of writing about blackjack and casino gambling in general. But I’ve taken my career as a blackjack writer very seriously and I would never say or write anything if I didn’t believe it wasn’t true or factual. But apparently some folks disagree and what follows are some of the criticism I’ve received (I’ve kept a file).

The first negative letter (actually I received many of them) came about when I first wrote about card counting in a newspaper column a long time ago.

“Tamburin, you’re an idiot for writing about card counting. Haven’t you read what Scarne said about it: it doesn’t work and it’s a ruse used by a few system sellers to make a buck. You should be ashamed of yourself for writing about it in your column.”

This letter caused one of the biggest commotions for this newspaper (the writer actually sent his comment to the editor who forwarded it to me). For those that don’t know, John Scarne was a famous gambling authority back in the 60s and early 70s. He

wrote several best-selling books on casino gambling and was considered the expert during this time. However, Scarne got it all wrong when it came to his comments on card counting. There was, in fact, a flack in print over Scarne’s comments and the new breed of blackjack experts who came on the scene. Of course, it turned out that as more mathematicians began studying the game of blackjack, it became widely known and accepted that card counting will give the player the edge at blackjack. I actually answered this irate reader’s comments on card counting in my column with facts and figures. Scarne never retracted what he said about card counting and I never heard any more negative comments from this reader about anything else I wrote about in my columns.

“You’re dead wrong and stupid when you say that betting progressions don’t work. I’ve been using one for 40 years and so have all my buddies and we all are winners.”

I’ve received hundreds, no probably thousands, of negative comments about my position on betting progressions in blackjack. I, and dozens of other mathematicians, have studied betting progressions in blackjack in great detail. The bottom line is this: betting progressions on a session by session basis will increase the fluctuation in your bankroll compared to always betting the same amount, and long term, they will not change your odds of winning one iota and they won’t decrease the house edge one iota. All this means is that in any particular playing session you could win using a betting progression. I challenged this critic whether he really kept accurate win and loss records but never got a response.

“Telling your readers not to take even money is the dumbest advice I’ve heard. You need to get a life.”

I’ve obviously touched a nerve with this critic. I realize it’s tough to pass up getting paid even money on your bet when you are sitting with a blackjack and the dealer is showing an ace. The fear, of course, is that if you don’t take the sure even money, the dealer could have a blackjack and you wind

up winning nothing. The long and the short of it is this. Say you bet \$10 a hand and you always take the sure even money. Do it 100 times and you’ll wind up \$100 ahead with no risk. If instead you decline even money, there is a risk that sometimes you’ll win Natta and sometimes you’ll win \$15 (the former when the dealer has blackjack, the latter when they don’t). If you decline even money 100 times guess what? On a hand by hand basis you’ve accepted some risk but after 100 even money situations, you’ll have more than \$100 in winnings. That’s the math behind even money: you win when you always take it, but you’ll win more in the long run if you always decline it. So, if you are only going to play one session of blackjack your whole life, go ahead and take even money. But if you are going to play a lot of sessions of blackjack during your lifetime, you’ll end up with about 4% more profits in your pocket when you always decline the even money.

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Biloxi, Bingo and Motel Hell

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August 15th is Relaxation Day and whew, my husband and I need this day in the worst way. We recently returned from a road trip to Robert's brother in Florida. We live in Ohio and have always enjoyed the long drive, but this trip turned out to be anything but relaxing. Our idea was a scenic drive, good food along the way, and decompression of our anxieties that have been building due to various issues. We forgot that irony and karma always catch up with you in the end because on the way down, we both laughed and joked about the stopped traffic on the other side of the freeway. Glad we're not on that side we said aloud to the universe; never a good thing to tempt fate. Our visit with brother Larry was fine and we even located a local bingo, New Port Richey Elks Lodge #2284. If you're in the area, check out their website for more details.

From there, Robert and I decided to drive to Biloxi instead of heading straight home. We love Biloxi, lots of casinos and bingo of which there are several good ones; two being Elks Lodge #606 on Biloxi Beach Blvd. and

Gulfport Elks Lodge #978 on Klein Road. As we headed toward Biloxi, we were reminded that karma can be a bitch and she had her claws out for us on the rest of our trip. Around Pensacola as we drove toward Biloxi, traffic slowed to a crawl. We were on the wrong side of the freeway and thought about travelers on the other side laughing at us, which we had previously done, as they hightailed it down the highway. The endless road closures, detours, and construction took us hours to get around Pensacola, so we didn't find a motel until very late.

The motel into which we checked turned out to be Motel Hell with termite swarms, a filthy bathtub, and other nasty reasons to get back in our car and drive away. Of course, we found this out after checking in and being informed of their no refund policy. Old, confused, and worn out as we were, we bit the bullet and decided to not drive further that night. We were thankful that no bugs of any kind bit us back as we spent a few hours restlessly dozing, certainly not sleeping, before we returned to our car and sped out of there like bats out of hell with the devil lighting our behinds on fire.

As it turned out, we still had three more colossal traffic slowdowns around Chattanooga, Knoxville, and even our hometown in Ohio before we arrived safely home after twenty hours of misery. I guess the lesson we learned was to never taunt karma unless you're prepared to face her wrath. In that case, consider yourself warned. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. Reminder: National Senior Citizens Day is August 21. Be kind to old people, take them to dinner and to play bingo. Or if you can afford it, buy them plane tickets instead of allowing them to drive to destinations. It would be less worrisome for all concerned, trust me on that.

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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. Laundry stiffener	— T — — —	Look high and low	— E — — —
2. Sign of life	— — L — —	Boxing match prize	— — R — —
3. Trench	— I — — —	From Amsterdam	— U — — —
4. Mosey along	— A — — —	Awe	— O — — —
5. Ocean vehicle	— — — R —	Tablecloth material	— — — N —
6. Take heed	— — T — —	Apprentice	— — V — —
7. Mishandle a football	F — — — —	Speak unclearly	M — — — —
8. Round map	— — — B —	Pitcher's gear	— — — V —
9. Wolf down	— — — — R	Dedicated to	— — — — T
10. Fence style	— I — — —	Kangaroo's feature	— O — — —

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Casino Q&A

Time to Test Your Slot IQ

1. After a top jackpot is hit, a slot machine turns cold to make up for the big payout. (T or F)
2. You are more likely to hit a jackpot in a crowded casino than in a near-empty one. (T or F)
3. Players win less frequently when they use their slot club cards. (T or F)
4. You hit more winning combinations when you bet just one coin. (T or F)
5. Slots near casino entrances pay better. (T or F)
6. A slot technician can set a jackpot button or switch to reward a favorite customer after a certain amount of slot play. (T or F)
7. A slot system that guarantees you'll win more often is a scam. (T or F)

ANSWERS

1. False. Jackpots are a normal event in a slot machine's life; after a big payout, the machine will continue to pay back at the rate it's programmed to. It does not turn cold. Your chances of hitting another jackpot on the same machine remain the same.
2. False. Most jackpots are hit in a crowded casino simply because there are more machines being played. For the individual player, the chances of hitting a jackpot are the same, even if the rest of the casino was empty. The crowds around other machines do not change the odds of the machine you're playing.
3. False. The slot's computer program doesn't know whether you use a slot club card, so using the card makes no difference in whether or how much you win or lose. Some slot players believe that if they accumulate a high number of points on

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