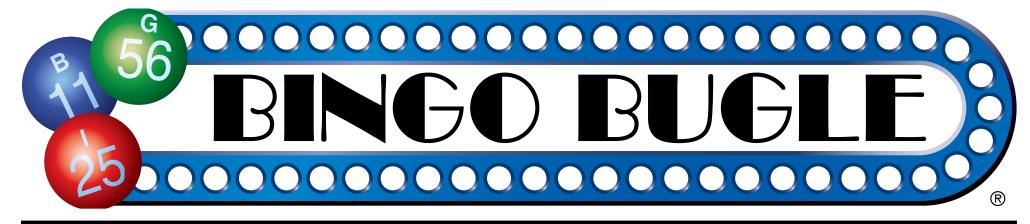
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* To remove scuffs from your linoleum floors, simply cut a small "X" into a tennis ball and push the tip of your broom handle into it. When you come across a sticky spot while sweeping, flip the broom and rub the spot with the tennis ball.

* "As you pack away your pool supplies, you might want to save the water wings for this cruise/duty-free alcohol hack: Use blowup arm floaties to protect your liquor bottles while being transported in luggage. Use one or a set depending on the size of the bottle." — T.T. in Georgia

* Boots will be coming out of storage soon, or new boots will be purchased, while the pool supplies will be packed away for the winter. Save your pool noodles to keep boots sitting upright. Simply cut a pool noodle to the height of the boot top and insert. Lo and behold, the boots won't flop over. This extends the life of the boot.

* "For troublesome-to-open jars pickles and such — use a pair of standard dishwashing gloves. It's a great gripper, especially if your hands are the least bit moist." — D.L. in Indiana

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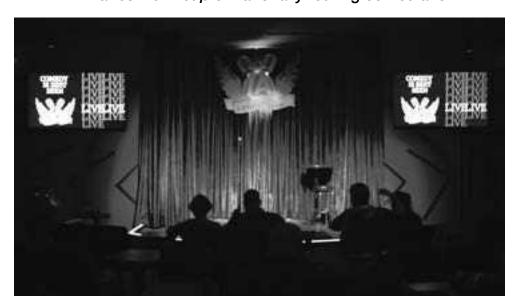
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L.A. Comedy Club at Edgewater Casino Resort **Spreads Holiday Laughs This December**

The Laughlin hot spot will keep audiences in high spirits with a festive lineup of nationally touring comedians.



Laughlin, Nevada—Nov. 12, 2025—L.A. Comedy Club, located inside the Edgewater Casino Resort, will deck the halls with laughs this December with performances from nationally touring headliners including Roberto Rodriguez, Landry and Brandon "Gooch" Hahn, each bringing their own unique gift of comedic timing to the Laughlin stage. Guests can also continue the laughs at James Michael's Redneck Comedy Magic Show, bringing its blend of laughs and illusions every Sunday at 6 p.m. for fans 21 and over. Tickets are available to purchase here.

Weekly Show Times:

- 6 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday: Nationally touring headliner
- 6 and 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday: Nationally touring headliner • 6 p.m. on Sunday: James Michaels' Redneck Comedy Magic Show

L.A Comedy Club at Edgewater Casino Resort welcomes a wild addition to its entertainment lineup with James Michael's Redneck Comedy Magic Show, taking the stage at 6 p.m. every Sunday. Known for his sleight of hand, comedic timing and fun antics on stage, James delivers a laugh-packed performance that's anything but traditional. Named among Las Vegas' top 10 magicians for three consecutive years and a silver medalist for "Best Magic Show" in Las Vegas in 2020, James has spent over 30 years performing around the globe on cruise ships, at corporate events and on television. Now he's bringing the fun to Laughlin, where fans 21 and over can catch his unique brand of comedy and magic every Sunday night.

• 8 p.m. on Sunday: Nationally touring headliner

Upcoming headliners:

• Wednesday, Dec. 3 through Sunday, Dec. 7: Roberto Rodriguez

Roberto Rodriguez brings explosive, highenergy to the comedy stage, featuring anecdotes about his experiences, family and personal observations about life. As a child, Rodriguez bit into an extension cord, which resulted in a significant scar. To defend against bullying, he developed a quick wit and the ability to make people laugh. His first experience with stand-up comedy was when he joined the Tempe Comedy College in Tempe, Arizona. There, he learned to



develop his skills and eventually grew to become one of Phoenix's top comics. His impressions, characters and voices have earned him top spots in the "Latino Laugh Festival," "Latin Comedy Explosion" and "Latin Princes of Comedy." He has performed all over the country, including some of the most prestigious clubs on the West Coast.

• Wednesday, Dec. 10 through Sunday, Dec. 14: Landry featuring Lourdes Ayon



Landry, originally from Kitchener, Ontario, began his comedy career in 2006 and has become best known for his charismatic performance. Having made his mark in the Canadian comedy scene with his diverse comedy style that appeals to audiences from all walks of life, he moved to Atlanta in 2007 to join the American comedy scene. In 2010, Landry took the title of "Best Male Comic" in the Atlanta Stand Up awards. He made it to the

finals in NBC's "Stand Up for Diversity Showcase," and has starred in TV ONE's "Bill Bellamy's Who's Got Jokes?" He was also the first winner of the Punchline Club's "64 Comedian Super Comedy Competition," in addition to his triumph at the Boston Comedy Festival in 2011.

Lourdes Ayon is a politician by day and a comedian by night. Born in Tijuana, Mexico and raised in San Diego, Ayon grew up in a family of writers and performers. Ayon got her start in comedy by performing at open mic nights, drawing content from motherhood, menopause, immigration and her time as a lobbyist. She went on to become a Top 40 Comic at the "World Series of Comedy," opening for respected comedians like Paul Rodriguez, Jerry Garcia, Luz Pazos, Jeff Garcia and Alfred Robles.

• Friday, Dec. 26 through Sunday, Dec. 28: Brandon "Gooch" Hahn

Brandon "Gooch" Hahn started his comedic journey in Las Vegas back in 2000, after his best friend tricked him into getting on stage to do a stand-up routine. After that night, he was instantly hooked and never looked back. His goofy and charming personality wins over audiences with ease, and his well-crafted, perfectly timed jokes keep them laughing throughout his performance. As a comedian who has discovered his purpose, he aims to spread joy as far as he possibly can. Today, he



wears many hats as he continues to hold shows in major comedy clubs throughout Las Vegas in addition to being a father, radio station host of 92.3 "The Rock Station," co-host of "Rise to Offend" podcast and self-proclaimed sex symbol and professional sandwich taster.

• Wednesday, Dec. 31 through Sunday, Jan. 4: To be announced

BINGO LAND

News from the Real World & Cyberspace

Bingo Strategies?

Recently, we ran across several articles on strategies for winning Bingo and they all mentioned "The Tippet Method" and The Granville Method" specifically. Bingo results depend on the drawn numbers, so there's no see equal appearances of numbers between 1 way for players to manipulate or guess the outcome—so neither of these strategies will make you a Bingo winner—but we thought they were interesting reading, nonetheless. A high numbers. According to this method, few tips that actually will improve your odds

The Tippett Method

with a complex theory about randomness that may or may not be true (there is no as a stock market investor is deplorable, statistical evidence supporting the theory). Tippett's theory suggests the more numbers 20% year on year based on his ability as a called in a bingo game, the more likely those mathematical analyst. numbers will gravitate towards the median number. For example, if there are 75 bingo balls in play, and it's a short game, choose cards with numbers closer to 1 and 75. If it's to the median number 45. Skilled bingo longer and which games are usually decided in fewer calls.

The Granville Method

This method came from Joseph E. Granville, a financial analyst and writer. Granville's strategy requires players to select their cards based on the balance of the numbers and their long-run probability of being drawn. wins

Based on Granville's strategy, players must assume that operators will call an equal amount of low, high, even, and odd numbers. When applying Granville's method to a 75ball Bingo game, players should expect to to 37 and 38 to 75. Therefore, when selecting their Bingo cards, players should choose cards that have an even balance of low and players should also assume that even and odd numbers will appear an equal number of times. Therefore, they should select cards British statistician L.H.C. Tippett came up with a balance of odd and even numbers. It should be noted that Granville's reputation with his stock choices depreciating by

What Does Increase Odds of Winning?

--Playing with more cards is one of the bestknown strategies used by players to increase their chances of winning. When playing a long game, choose numbers that are closer multiple cards, it's important to remember. however, that Bingo should be fun and players will know which games will go for not stressful and that this strategy requires players to be adept at managing their money, so financial prudence is essential.

--Play when the hall (or online bingo room) is less crowed. Fewer players improves odds

-- Don't play when tired or unfocused for any reason—missing numbers leads to missing

Veterans Post



Missing medical equipment at the VA

The VA appears to have lost \$211 million worth of medical equipment from their facilities, approximately 5% of the total This includes computers, exam tables, microscopes ... over 75,000 items.

Per a recent audit of medical facilities by the VA's Office of Inspector General, there might be even more missing, because the VA only tracks nonexpendable items.

How is it possible to lose that much stuff? One way to "lose" items is when the batteries in the electronic location tags die, making the item impossible to find.

Items were also "lost" because they were not in the location indicated. In this recent audit, the OIG could not find 537,000 items (33%) at the locations indicated on the previous inventory.

Add to that staff informed the OIG that if certain items were included in a previous audit, they didn't need to be included in the next audit. Many items had an average of 600 days between inventory dates, increasing the 9. MUSIC: Which musical instrument has 88 risk that items go missing forever.

It gets worse: The OIG learned that reporting of missing items had not been conducted as it should be in all cases. There were 915 missing item reports (value \$31.2 million) that had not been completely investigated, and over 200 items that hadn't been reported at all.

So what happens when proper inventories aren't done? If nothing else, items can't be 2. Stephen King. assessed to determine whether they're in a condition to be used for patient care. If inventories aren't accurate, medical items can't be found immediately for patient care. 5. Theodore Roosevelt. If missing item reports aren't done, it can't be determined just how those items came to be missing. And there can't be accurate 7. Application Programming Interface. planning of future purchases if there isn't an accurate accounting of what is actually on

I hope VA Secretary Doug Collins is paying attention to this.

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Test Your Knowledge

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. state is the only one that borders on two oceans?
- 2. LITERATURE: Which famous author used the pseudonym Richard Bachman early
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the national animal of France?
- 4. MATH: What is the sum of the interior angles in a triangle?
- 5. HISTORY: Who was the first American president to win a Nobel Peace Prize?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which ancient civilization built Machu Picchu?
- 7. ACRONYMS: What does the computing acronym API stand for?
- 8. MOVIES: What is the name of Elle Woods' Chihuahua in *Legally Blonde*

10. TELEVISION: Which television sitcom character is famous for saying, "Did I do that?"?

ANSWERS

- 1. Alaska: Pacific Ocean and Arctic Ocean.
- 3. The Gallic rooster.
- 4. 180 degrees.

- 10. Steve Urkel.

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PICKS OF THE MONTH

The Long Walk (R) — Based on the 1979 novel written by Stephen King (It), this dystopian thriller is led by Cooper Hoffman (Saturday Night) and David Jonsson (Industry). Set during an alternate reality of the 1970s where a totalitarian regime reigns over the United States, the film follows an annual voluntary competition consisting of 50 boys who must walk nonstop at a pace of 3 miles per hour or face the consequences of death. "The Walk" only ends when there's one boy left, who then receives a cash prize and a wish of his choice. Although they're driven by an insatiable hunger to improve their families' lives, the boys severely underestimate the trauma they're about to put themselves through and whether their choice was ultimately worth the long walk. Judy Greer and Mark Hamill co-star in the film, which is available now to rent at home. (Apple TV+)

Lazarus (TV-MA) — Sam Claflin stars in this new horror series alongside Bill Nighy Only six episodes long, this series picks up © 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

as forensic psychologist Laz receives news of his father's (Nighy) death. Although his father's death was ruled to be a suicide, Laz finds certain similarities between this case and the death of his sister 25 years ago. Simultaneously, Laz also begins to experience weird and paranormal instances where his father visits him and speaks to him. Left with no choice but to either succumb to insanity or solve the case, Laz is determined to find out whether his father was murdered. (Amazon Prime Video)

Chad Powers (TV-MA) — Glen Powell's latest sports-comedy series not only stars the 36-year-old actor, but it was also created by Powell based on the Eli's Places segment hosted by former quarterback Eli Manning. In the series, Powell plays Russ Holiday, a washed-up former football star whose career tanked after a championship game gone wrong. Russ has the bright idea to change up his identity so that he can continue to play football, so with the help of prosthetics, a wig, and some (bad?) acting, Russ transforms into Chad Powers. "Chad" then gets signed on to play for a small college that desperately needs some star power. With the whole football program relying on his success, the stakes are greater than ever for Russ/Chad to pull through — and not get caught while doing so. Four episodes of the six-episode season are out now to stream. (Hulu)

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

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: T equals L

QAWPNRA IH TZQA-PYYPWDAJ CAOATXH GPTTR ZGG PTT YDA YFIA. F PTOPHR CNRY OAPX PS APXXFSL PFJ.

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Shrimp Recipe to Impress

Dear Annie,

I need a special recipe for the holidays. My in-laws are coming for our Christmas Eve dinner and I need to impress them. They love shrimp so can you please give me a recipe with shrimp in it. Thank you for your help. Heather M. from Galveston, Indiana

Dear Heather,

Here is an all-time favorite Christmas recipe that I found many years ago in a North Carolina cookbook. It is one of my recipes that always make a good impression. If you are serving more than six people, adjust your amount of ingredients accordingly. Good luck and Merry Christmas to you and your

ALL-TIME FAVORITE SHRIMP WITH ARTICHOKES

- 1 20 oz. can artichoke hearts
- 34 lb. raw shrimp, boiled and cleaned
- 1/4 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 5 tbsp. butter
- 1/4 c. onions, chopped 4 tbsp. flour
- 1 ½ c. half-and-half
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire
- 3 tbsp. dry sherry
- ½ c. freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Paprika Dash of salt

Dash of pepper

Drain the artichokes, slice in half and arrange in a buttered 9 x 15 Pyrex-type baking dish. Cut the shrimp into pieces approximately 1 inch. Spread the cooked shrimp over the artichokes. Using a frying pan, sauté the mushrooms in butter for about 5 minutes. Lift them out of the frying pan. Sprinkle them over the shrimp and artichokes. Cook the onions in the same butter until transparent. Add the flour and cook for an additional minute or two. Add the half-and-half and stir until thickened. Add the Worcestershire, salt, pepper and sherry to the cream sauce and pour over the contents of the baking dish. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and paprika. Bake in a preheated oven at 375 degrees for 20 minutes. Serves 6.

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OUESTIONS

- 1. Who had a No. 1 hit with "Indian Reservation"?
- 2. "Moon River" was used in which film? 3. Name the duo that released "You've Lost
- That Lovin' Feelin'. 4. Which group released "Get Off of My
- Cloud"? 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "The stars won't come out if they know that you're about, Cause they couldn't match the glow of your eyes."

1. Paul Revere & The Raiders, in 1971. The song was originally released in 1959 under the title "The Pale Faced Indian."

2. Breakfast at Tiffany's in 1961, and sung by Audrey Hepburn. Andy Williams covered the song later, and his version went into the National Recording Registry in 2022.

3. The Righteous Brothers, in 1964. Producer Phil Spector had the wrong time printed on the label so DJs would think the song was shorter and give it more airtime.

4. The Rolling Stones, in 1965.

"Candida," by Tony Orlando and Dawn, in 1970. Orlando was hesitant to release the song because he was working for a different publishing house and was afraid of losing his job. To keep his secret, the song was released as being done only by Dawn.

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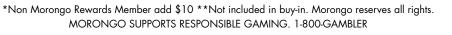
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Marie W. \$250 Bingo Winner **40 Martyrs**



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Smooth Night Out: Rob Thomas at Morongo

The Matchbox Twenty frontman and acclaimed solo artist will take the stage at the Morongo Grand Ballroom on Wednesday, December 3.

MORONGO CASINO RESORT & SPA – Rob Thomas, the Grammy-winning singer, songwriter, and voice behind some of the most recognizable songs in pop-rock, will perform live at the Morongo Grand Ballroom on Wednesday, December 3.

Well known as the frontman of Matchbox Twenty and for collaborations like "Smooth' with the Carlos Santana, Thomas has also built an accomplished solo career. His latest release, "All Night Days" (2025), marks his return to solo work and features standout tracks like "Hard to Be Happy" and "Thrill Me." The album captures Thomas at a new creative peak, balancing introspective songwriting with a modern, polished sound.

Across more than 25 years in music, Thomas has sold over 80 million albums worldwide,

earned multiple Grammy Awards, and penned hits for artists across genres. His solo catalog includes "Lonely No More," "Her Diamonds," and "Someday," with "All Night Days' adding a new chapter to an already storied career.

"Rob Thomas continues to write and perform at the top of his game," said Amy Hunstock Vice President of Marketing at Morongo. "His latest album proves he's still pushing forward creatively, and we're thrilled to host him for what promises to be an unforgettable night."

Tickets start at \$35 and are available through Ticketmaster. Doors open at 8 p.m., with the show beginning at 9 p.m. A limited number of tickets will be available for free from KOST 103.5. Tune in for details and timing.





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MAGIC MAZE

MAGIC MAZE • BAD GUYS

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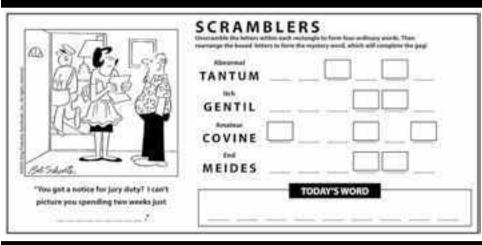
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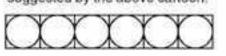
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CryptoQuote

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Banana Bliss: Simple, Golden and **Ready to Make Your** Kitchen Smell like Happiness.

Bananas on the Counter? Don't Toss Them - Turn Them Into Healthy Snacks You'll Love!

We've all been there: bananas left a little too long on the counter, spotted, soft and threatening to be tossed. But before you reach for the compost, know this — those overripe bananas are actually a gift. They're naturally sweeter, super soft and perfect for whipping up quick, versatile snacks that can fuel busy mornings, after-school hunger pangs or lunchboxes on the go.

Whether you prefer classic banana bread or handy muffins, this recipe hits all the right notes: frugal, fabulous and healthy. A little tweak here — like swapping in whole grain flour, cutting down the sugar or sneaking in chopped nuts — makes your snack smarter without sacrificing flavor. The result? A treat that's portable, kid-approved and a win for your wallet.

Think of it as a back-to-school hack. Muffins in lunchboxes? Check. A slice of bread for a grab-and-go breakfast? Check. A wholesome snack while running errands? Double check.

The best part? They keep well, so you can make a batch ahead of time and have a steady supply of snacks ready for the week.

College football fans love to buy their team's merchandise. For 2025, the top-selling college football jerseys belong to the Alabama Crimson Tide, the Texas Longhorns, the Georgia Bulldogs and the Ohio State Buckeyes.



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% Households with children

Gifts for family

Gifts for friends

Gifts for co-workers

Who consumers are buying gifts for

QUICK & COZY BANANA MUFFINS Yield: 12 muffins Total Time: 35 minutes

1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour or all-

purpose flour, or a mix

1 teaspoon baking powder 1 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg 1 1/2 cups mashed bananas (3 or 4 ripe bananas)

6 tablespoons butter or coconut oil,

1 large egg, at room temperature

3/4 cup packed brown sugar l teaspoon vanilla extract

2 tablespoons milk of choice, dairy or plant based Optional: 2 tablespoons demerara sugar

to top muffins Optional add-ins: 1 1/2 cup maximum,

like nuts, chocolate or dried fruit Preheat your oven to 350 F and get a 12

count muffin pan ready — spray it with nonstick spray or line it with cupcake liners. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour,

baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Set it aside. In a large bowl — or the bowl of your stand

mixer — stir the bananas until smooth. Beat in the melted butter, egg, brown sugar, vanilla and milk until everything is well combined. Gradually pour the dry ingredients into the

wet, stirring gently until just mixed. If you're adding nuts or chocolate chips, fold them in Spoon the batter into the muffin liners, filling each one nearly to the top. Pop them

in the oven for 21-23 minutes, or until a

toothpick comes out clean. Let the muffins rest in the pan for 5 minutes before transferring them to a wire rack to cool.

To make banana bread: Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease a 9"x5" loaf pan with cooking spray. Prepare batter same as for muffins above. Fill pan with batter. Bake for 45-55 minutes. Let cool in the pan for 15 minutes before turning on a wire rack to cool.

To make mini muffins: Bake for 12-14 minutes at 350 F.

These treats stay fresh covered at room temperature for a few days — or pop them in the fridge for up to a week, or wrap and freeze

Next time your bananas get too ripe, don't panic — bake! Rally the kids or enjoy a quiet moment for yourself, and turn them into treats that are healthy, budget-friendly and wonderfully versatile. That's frugal living in action: simple, nourishing and smart in the kitchen.

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the pennypinching, 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. Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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The legendary '70s band behind "Low Rider," "Summer," and "Why Can't We Be Friends?" will bring their unmistakable sound to Morongo's Grand Ballroom on December 6.go's Grand Ballroom on December 6.



Morongo Casino Resort & Spa – Get ready for a night of timeless funk as the trailblazing band WAR takes the stage at the Morongo Casino Resort & Spa on Saturday, December 6. Known for their signature fusion of funk, rock, Latin, and jazz, WAR has carved out a lasting

Originally performing under the name Nightshift, the band caught the attention of Animals frontman Eric Burdon and producer Jerry Goldstein in the late '60s. Impressed by their socially conscious lyrics and dynamic live energy, the duo helped relaunch the group as WAR—an intentional nod to the band's message of unity, struggle, and peace.

WAR first hit the spotlight with 1970's Eric Burdon Declares War, featuring the breakout hit "Spill the Wine." That success jumpstarted a global tour and led to another album with Burdon before the band struck out on its own.

The 1971 release All Day Music earned two gold records, thanks to the enduring hits "Slippin' Into Darkness" and the title track. Just two years later, WAR released The World Is a Ghetto, which became Billboard's Album of the Year in 1973.

With more than 60 singles, nearly 30 albums, and a string of gold and platinum records, WAR remains one of the most influential crossover acts of its era. The group has earned three Rock and Roll Hall of Fame nominations since 2009.

"WAR's music helped define a generation," said Amy Hunstock, Morongo's Vice President of Marketing. "Their unique blend of rhythm, message, and soul is still just as powerful today. We're honored to have them perform at Morongo.'

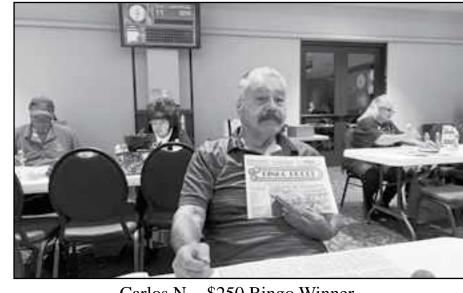
Tickets start at \$59 via Ticketmaster. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m



Kathy N. St. Joseph High School



Elias N. - \$500 40 Martyrs



Carlos N. - \$250 Bingo Winner Santa Ana Elks

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Bandit

Burglar

Crook

Bully



Casino Q&A

Q: I put a slot ticket for \$200 in my shirt pocket, and somehow it fell out and got lost. Is there anything you can do when you lose a ticket like this?

A: Yes. Report the loss of the ticket to the cashier's cage as soon as possible. A ticket is not just an ordinary piece of paper. It's a piece of paper with a unique serial number that is stored in a casino's central computer. The casino can tell the amount of a ticket, when it was issued, on what machine, and when it was redeemed. The casino may be able to find your ticket's serial number by using your Players Club card. If you don't have a card, you'll have to tell the cage which machine issued the ticket, the dollar amount, and the approximate time. The "eye in the sky" will verify what machine you were playing.



Q: What should I do if I find a lost ticket? **A:** Take it at once to the cashier's cage. Don't play it off or try to redeem it. Turning in a lost ticket is what you would want someone to do if you had lost it. It's not only a moral obligation but a wise one. For example, if the rightful owner of a lost ticket reports its loss and you try to redeem it, the cage might alert casino security to possible ticket theft—a serious casino crime. And being considered a suspected thief could prove embarrassing.

HEALTH TIP: It's "casino flu" time again. Slot machines, casino chips, playing cards, handrails, restaurant menus, and other casino objects are touched by hundreds of people every day, as such these objects become breeding grounds for a wide variety of germs and viruses. Before eating and after using the restroom, wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds—about as long as it takes to say the English alphabet that real?" Even after double checking the anniversary. How did his wife reply to the (a to z) slowly. Dry your hands with an air win, Wilson said that the man was in shock big news? "I texted her a picture of the dryer or paper towel. Turn off a faucet with to see just how much money he'd won. ticket and she said, 'Call me,'" Douglas a paper towel or with your elbow. Hand "He's like, '\$100,000' and I'm like, 'No, recalled with laugh. After taxes, Douglas your hands with soap and warm water is best. This simple precaution will drastically reduce your chances of coming home with

Brenda Weaver

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Lucky Lotto News Big Wins Across the U.S.

Homeless Man Wins Big

A California man said he "can't wait to get off the streets" after winning a \$1 million a resident of Cherryville, N.C., picked up lottery prize. Earlier this year, the manager of Sandy's Deli-Liquor in San Luis Obispo sold the winning scratch-off ticket to the lucky winner, NBC affiliate KSBY-TV reported.

According to store manager Wilson bro. That's \$1 million. Congrats brother the manager recalled.

The man bought two \$5 Triple Red 777 scratchers, plus a few smaller tickets, the \$10 Million Spectacular is a scratchfor \$25, Samaan told the San Francisco off lottery ticket that had a limited number Chronicle. The store manager then helped of \$10 million grand prizes. Players could the lucky lotto winner—who doesn't have a also find cards with either a \$1 million or car—by driving him to Fresno to verify his \$100,000 prize. ticket with the California Lottery. "He tried million dollars to get lost in the mail.'

In a video posted to Instagram by local store Thrifty Beaches, the overjoyed lotto awarded from the state's MONOPOLY winner said he "just can't wait to get off Progressive Jackpots. the streets." Speaking with KSBY-TV, a California lottery spokesperson said that Virginia, where a player won a \$348 million the process of verifying the win could take prize in the Mega Millions drawing. They anywhere from weeks to months. "With a ended up taking home \$155.6 million in a million-dollar ticket like this, the person who one-time payout and planned to buy a zerocomes forward can expect a very thorough radius lawn mower as their first big splurge. vetting process," said Carolyn Becker, later adding, "We process over 10,000 winning claims a month, so that's part of why it takes

A husband and wife in North Carolina are

while playing the lottery. Jeffrey Douglas, the fated scratch-off lottery ticket from Times Turn Around on East Main Street in

Lincolnton, N.C. on August 17th, according to a press release from the North Carolina Education Lottery. He told lottery officials Samaan, the winner is a long-time customer that it was a special day for such a big win who is also homeless. "He came to the store, playing the \$10 Million Spectacular; Aug. he scratched it and is like, 'Oh, my god. Is 17th was also he and his wife's 31st wedding and his wife were given \$/1,/64. It was pretty awesome," he gushed, adding, "It's a blessing." First released in December 2023,

nearly \$100,000 richer after getting lucky

The Douglas family isn't alone in to mail it," Samaan told the newspaper. "I recently having big wins in the lottery. A told him I'll help you out. I offered him a bus grandmother of 10 who overcame breast ticket or for me to drive him. I didn't want a cancer won a historic \$2 million prize in the Pennsylvania lottery earlier that same August after winning the largest prize ever

There was another historic lottery win in

In Michigan, a man who won \$300 on one ticket reinvested some of his winnings by purchasing another ticket, which led to a \$714.891 win.











Bingo John Body Cast Bingo

Board?!

As you may remember, dear reader, I was off to Sarah-Mae's house to recuperate after the bingo cruise. I fell off a balcony while the bingo players were trying to get their well-deserved Elvis bingo daubers. I broke just about every bone in my body. I was encased in a white plaster suit with my two legs sticking straight up in the air like a piece of fried chicken.

Let me tell you, it wasn't pretty. First, there was the ordeal of getting my body over to Sarah-Mae's, and then the EMT guys dropped me off the porch. I rolled down the hill breaking my cast like Humpty Dumpty into a million little pieces. I will say that Sarah-Mae showed some real insight when she got a roll of duct tape and fixed the cracked parts on my white shell. I was in a right heap of pain. But Sarah-Mae went to the doctors, and they set me up with this little button that allowed me to self-medicate with some sort of pain killer. Sarah-Mae said it was addictive, but it sure made me feel good, sort of like flying even though I was in that sticky, plaster shell. It also gave me a break from Sarah-Mae. I'd hit the button a few times and off into "La La Land" I'd float. It was so good, that even Sarah-Mae started to look pretty nice.

Well, those good times lasted a good bit, but before I knew it, my body started to heal. Sarah-Mae was strutting proud with her head up in the air, because she knew I was getting better. The problem was that I started getting real used to the pain juice the doctors had sent. Everything around me shone with this pearly light. It was like the whole world was an Elysian field filled with bleating goats eatin' grass.

Everything just got more and more blissful, until Sarah-Mae up and decided to end my dream vacation. She said that I'd made a

new resolution to play bingo with her every week. While she was telling me this, I tried hitting the medication button, but the juice was dry. She looked at my trigger finger and said the doctor told her that I was getting too used to the meds. He told her she needed to closer. Trapped in my body size, white cast, I felt like a jelly roll with the sweet stuff

Now, I knew I'd never in my right mind say anything about playing bingo with Sarah-Mae. Once my wits started creeping back, I started to protest. But before I could say anything, she picks up my naked foot and starts massaging my toes with Vaseline. I was strapped down, so I couldn't get away.

"And not only that," she said. "If you look at your chest, you'll see I painted a bingo board. So even if you're not out of the cast we'll be able to play."

Then she laid my foot on a pillow and took my face into her lubricated hands.

"You being healed and all. I guess I deserve this," she said as she pressed her lips on my forehead. They felt cold and squishy. Then, she bent down to kiss my lips. When she was within inches, someone started banging on the front door. She left in a huff.

Right away, I knew it was the Bates boys. Even back in high school I couldn't stand them. They were the school bullies, and I was always at the receiving end of their jokes and prods. For some reason, as adults, they thought we were all best friends. I could hear his voice all the way at the back of the house. He was yelling at his kid, Bates "The First." His wife started in, screaming at the both of them not touch ANYTHING. It didn't work. Next thing I see, the kids had crayons and a baseball bat. They were grinding crayons into my carpet with the bat.

"We're here to take you to the bingo hall," aid Bates.

Next thing I know a bunch of guys I didn't recognize came in and loaded me up on another gurney. Without the drugs, things were getting clearer and clearer, especially how Sarah-Mae kept holding my hand.

At the Bingo hall Sarah-Mae's sitting on one side and Bate's wife is on the other. They propped me up, so I could see my chest. Sarah-Mae put these little chits on

my chest whenever the caller drew any of my numbers. Pretty soon I was getting real close to winning. Sarah-Mae got excited and started jiggling around. On the other side closer. Trapped in my body size, white cast, I felt like a jelly roll with the sweet stuff about to burst out. Then it dawned on me They were excited about something other than me winning bingo. I must have said something in my drugged state that would haunt me for the rest of my days. Before I know, Sarah-Mae jumps up in the air yelling "Bingo!" The card on my chest had won. Then the bingo monitor came over, and he looked at me like I'd asked him to make an announcement. Something was planned. Next thing I know, Sarah-Mae grabs the microphone and says, "Yes, John. Oh yes, I've been waiting for ever to make this love real. I will marry you."

Next month, stunned and afraid of a shotgun marriage, Bingo John runs away.



Annette -\$750 Winner **St. Joseph High School**



Nelly - \$750 & \$1,000 winner at **St. John Bosco High School**



Gilbert S. - Double Action
Jackpot - \$4,100 at
Casino Morongo



SPECIAL PATIO AREA FOR SMOKER'S CONVENIENCE

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Robotic Pets

Some of us have gotten to the age where we wonder if adopting a pet would be the right thing to do, even though we know that having a pet would help with feelings of loneliness. Or maybe we have a friend or relative with Alzheimer's or who is in long-term care and needs some company or stress reduction but can't have a pet.

With those very things in mind, a company has created animatronic robot cats — Joy For All Companion Pets for Seniors by Ageless Innovation

While mostly marketed to seniors in longterm care facilities, there's no reason you can't have one at home!

Look for them on Amazon.com (Joy For All Companion Cats) to get all the details. The cats are the size of adult cats and come in three colors: black and white tuxedo, silver and white, and orange tabby.

They run on four C batteries and there are three settings: on, mute and off. The videos on the Amazon page show just what these robotic kitties do. They roll on their back, open and close their eyes, move their limbs, turn their head and even meow and purr when petted. And I can verify: When I played one of the cat videos and the robotic cat meowed, my own cat woke up from a nap and reacted to it!

These cats are expensive, ranging from \$125 to \$179, depending whether you find one on sale. They're also marketed to children, perhaps to get them used to a pet before getting a real one, but they're not toys.

Not a cat person? Rather have a puppy? You're not being left out. The Joy For All Companion Pet Golden Pup feels like a puppy, moves, barks, wags his tail and has a heartbeat. It even comes with a bandanna.

Christmas gifts maybe? One thing is certain: These little robots are very cute.

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The Heart of Bennet Hollow

by Joanne Bischof DeWitt

In this historical retelling of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, an Appalachian farmer's daughter and a wealthy businessman find a surprising love but must reckon with what divides them. Lizbeth Bennet longs to preserve her family's farm, a difficult task in their Appalachian coal mining town. But when the mine is put up for sale, a contingent of coal barons descends on the town, among them a young man rumored to be a very rich, eligible bachelor. William Drake arrives focused on business and keeping his distance from the townspeople. As Lizbeth and William continue to cross paths, Lizbeth questions her first impression of the man she believed to be proud and indifferent. Lizbeth must confront her own prejudices ... and decide whether the future she's always imagined is the one her heart truly wants most after all.

Purchase at http://bit.ly/3IhttEK...

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Winter Winners

Hi Guy,

It's official: I think I need my head examined

When the winter weather turned so bad this season, my wife suggested that I might want to take a break from evening travel—which of course would include skipping Bingo.

She of course was right, and I have made a point of waiting for the snow to stop falling and letting the plows clear and salt the roads before heading out to run errands or go shopping or anything. Mostly.

The exception is Bingo—which I play a couple of nights a week and also work at as a runner at one game. It is the one activity I really hate to skip, and actually like doing more in the winter for two reasons:

Less people go out in the winter weather, which means there are less players and it is easier working as a runner with fewer players needing help; and there are less players to compete with and you have a better chance of winning prize money.

While I admit I haven't done a great job of keeping track, I am confident that probably 70% of the jackpots I win during the year I get between November and March. It only stands to reason that this is because there are a lot fewer players filling the chairs, which ups everyone's chances of winning. It sure is working for me.

Admittedly, it can be a little foolish driving the winter roads at night to do something as trivial as play Bingo. But it seems way less

\$1,000 in your pocket and a grin you can't get off your face! The same goes for working at Bingo. As

a retiree, I have plenty of free time on my hands and can get bored being cooped up at home when the weather turns bad. My Bingo job makes me get out of the house and do something social with people I have gotten to know and who go to Bingo to have fun and win some bucks.

foolish when you drive home again with

I'm glad to be there to add to their fun and grab some of the fun for myself. And I usually find myself driving home with a grin on my face on those nights, too. It may not be a money-winning grin, but it's a grin, —Cal G., Ohio

Hi Cal,

With harder winters seeming to hit more of the country each year, I know a lot of Bingo halls have struggled to fill their seats at this time of year. Lucky for you and unfortunately for others, when hall numbers are down the odds of your winning go way up. And smart players take full advantage.

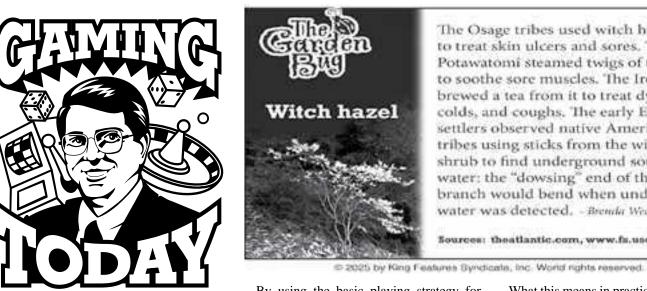
Like you, I make a point of playing regularly and sometimes a little more Bingo during the winter season for that very reason. And I know that my winning percentage goes up because of it.

That said, there is also a limit to how much risk I'm willing to take on the roads during inclement weather. If it is so icy that I can barely get from the house to the garage without breaking my neck, that's when I'll stay put, Bingo night or not. But if it is only a dark, creepy, slushy mess outside—I'm there! — Guy

Hey guys! (And gals!) Write to: Guy's Turn c/o The Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or email Guy directly at through his editor tara@bingobugle.com.



Susan O. - \$500 St. Bernard Catholic School



Multi-Hand Blackjack

Multi-Hand Blackjack is the same as the

traditional blackjack game with this caveat:

you can play more than one hand per round

(up to five hands although the latter varies

by the online site). You are playing against

by: Having your hand total higher than

rules). You can also bet the same or different

amounts on each hand up to the table limits.

hand and the value of the dealer's upcard.

third base (dealer's right side).

2 – How to Play Your Hands

You must decide how to play each hand to

1—The Rules

By using the basic playing strategy for by Henry Tamburin every hand, you will increase your overall return to the optimal level.

Also, keep this in mind when playing more than one hand: The house edge does not change; it is the same for each hand, so wagered per round, betting two hands playing multiple hands per round will not improves the chances of your bankroll increase your chance of winning.

3 – What is the Effect of Playing Multiple

When you play more than one hand per Playing more than one hand in land-based a dealer with the objective of beating them round, the number of hands played per hour casinos is a beneficial strategy for card increases but the number of rounds played counters who have the edge. With Multithe dealer's hand, or having 21 or less when per hour decreases.

You have the option to play one or more By playing five hands, you decrease hands per round. Some online casinos allow the number of rounds played per hour, but in this game. you to play up to three hands while others your total wagers increase five-fold per permit five hands (check the blackjack round. Because of this, you stand to lose theoretically 1.5 times more money, on average, compared to playing only one hand because you've exposed more of your edge; meaning, it will not increase your bankroll against the house edge.

completion, in turn, starting from the hand Conclusion: Your expected hourly loss closest to first base (dealer's left side), and then proceeding to the player's left toward with basic strategy will decline (and your betting system on one or more hands, theoretical return will increase) when you The playing rules may differ slightly, spread the amount you would have bet on therefore, always check the playing rules to one hand over five hands per round.

make sure you employ the correct strategies. 5 – Bankroll Swings

You probably would think that the swings in your bankroll would be the same whether in a land-based casino. However, there You should not make the same playing decision on every hand. Rather, you should you bet, say, \$20 on one hand or \$10 on each of two hands since the total amount wagered play each hand independently based on the cards dealt in each hand and the dealer's per round is the same (\$20). However, the requirement if you want to play more than upcard. The strategy you should use is the two hands are not independent because they are associated with the same dealer's hand, basic blackjack playing strategy, which is the optimal strategy assuming the only so if the dealer has a lousy hand, you are and a more detailed analysis of multi-hand information you have is the cards in each likely to win both hands (and vice versa, if blackjack visit https://www.888casino. she has a strong hand).

What this means in practical terms is that your bankroll will not fluctuate as much when you bet \$10 on each of two hands, compared to betting \$20 on one hand. Additionally, for the same total amount lasting longer compared to betting it all on

6 – Card Counting

to treat skin ulcers and sores. The

Potawatomi steamed twigs of the plant

brewed a tea from it to treat dysentery,

colds, and coughs. The early European

tribes using sticks from the witch hazel

shrub to find underground sources of

water: the "dowsing" end of the forked

branch would bend when underground

to soothe sore muscles. The Iroquoi

settlers observed native American

water was detected, - Brenda Weaver

Sources: theatlantic.com, www.fs.usda.gov

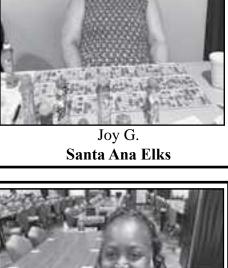
Hand Blackjack, the six-deck of cards are reshuffled after every hand. Therefore, there is no advantage for the card counter

7 - Progressive Betting Systems

Varying your bets in a predetermined manner, depending on if the previous hand won or lost, will not change the house chance of winning when playing Multi-Hand Blackjack. If you use a progressive you will put more money at risk and your hourly theoretical loss will increase.

8 - Playing Multiple Hands in Land-

Based Casinos It's possible to play multiple hands must be open spots on a table to do so. Additionally, most casinos have this one hand: you must bet double the table minimum on each hand. (For more on this, com/blog/writers/henry-tamburin.





Anita M. - \$2,500 Bonanza Jackpot Morongo Casino



SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21

Party's just begun 7th & 10th\$!

Healthy returns 20th-21st\$\$

You pull it off early the 1st!

Bet your bottom \$ 13th-14th!

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

Wake up & win 8th-9th!\$!

All about the game 25th-26th!\$!

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

1st thru 6th...

Wait 'til the 6th!

7th thru 12th...

13th thru 18th...

Bring it! (15th-16th)

19th thru 24th...

25th thru 31st...

1st thru 6th...

7th thru 12th...

13th thru 18th...

19th thru 24th...

25th thru 31st...

1st thru 6th...

Best bet 2nd-3rd\$

7th thru 12th...

13th thru 18th...

19th thru 24th...

25th thru 31st...

1st thru 6th...

7th thru 12th...

13th thru 18th...

19th thru 24th...

25th thru 31st...

Easy peasy 31st\$\$

1st thru 6th...

7th thru 12th...

13th thru 18th...

19th thru 24th...

25th thru 31st...

Wait to play 10th-11th!

Uncanny luck 15th-16th\$\$

Eeeking ahead 20th-21st!

VIOLET victories 4th-5th!

Practice makes perfect 24th!\$!

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20

Show 'em how 2nd-3rd\$!

Get real to win the 7th\$

Solid possibilities 16th\$\$

Best with BLUE the 26th\$

Get on board 29th-30th\$!

Color references: lucky objects, blotters,

cards, machines, the clothing/jewels you

PREDICTORS

UCKY CARD FOR DECEMBER 2025

15 16 39 46 62

9 17 45 59 75

13 27 * 56 61

8 24 33 48 73

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Cyber Monday

National Brownie Day

National Llama Day

Last Quarter Moon

Full Moon :

New Moon

Winter Solstice

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

New Year's Eve

Kwanzaa (first dav)

First Quarter Moon

8th

9th

11th

20th

21st

24th

25th

26th

27th

31st

30 41 50 67

DECEMBER

2025

wear, or a dominant color in the room.

RED hot luck the 12th!

Next in line 17th-18th\$

Making it look easy 29th-30th\$

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

Stay with it 22nd-23rd\$

You land on top 27th\$\$

by Alessandra

Lucky Predictions for December 2025

ARIES: March 21 to April 19 1st thru 6th... Quick & easy 4th-5th\$ 7th thru 12th... Keep it coming the 8th!\$! 13th thru 18th... RED calls it 17th-18th\$! 19th thru 24th... Chances for \$\$ the 23rd 25th thru 31st... Nice surprise awaits 28th!

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20 1st thru 6th... Time to play 3rd & 6th! 7th thru 12th... GREEN: your power color 11th\$\$ 13th thru 18th... Not advised 19th thru 24th... Favorable 21st & 25th\$\$ 25th thru 31st... Your best shot 25th & 30th\$!

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21 1st thru 6th... Going your way the 4th\$\$ 7th thru 12th... Best bet on RED 8th-9th! 13th thru 18th... PURPLE prevails 12th-13th\$! 19th thru 24th... Jump all in 22nd-23rd! 25th thru 31st... Fire's stoked 27th-28th\$!

CANCER: June 22 to July 22 1st thru 6th... Stay put & win 2nd-3rd\$! 7th thru 12th... Step aside 'til the 11th\$!\$ 13th thru 18th... Unconscious WIN 15th-16th\$ 19th thru 24th... You nail it the 25th! 25th thru 31st... Focus intently 26th & 30th\$!

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22 1st thru 6th... Courage & persistence the 4th! 7th thru 12th... Choose RED 8th-9th\$\$ 13th thru 18th... You're #1: 17th-18th! 19th thru 24th... Break time 25th thru 31st... Proud friends 27th-28th!\$

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22 1st thru 6th... Winning streak 2nd-3rd! 7th thru 12th... For the taking 10th-11th\$ 13th thru 18th... Wise choices 15th-16th! 19th thru 24th... Hella hard card 20th-21st\$ 25th thru 31st... Keep going 29th-30th\$\$ LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

1st thru 6th... You call the shots the 4th\$ 7th thru 12th... ORANGE beckons 8th-9th! 13th thru 18th... Increasingly better 13th-14th\$! 19th thru 24th... What attracts you wins 22nd-23rd! 25th thru 31st... Best to give it a rest



by Frederick Woodruff

Horoscopes for December 2025

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): It's the month to launch your boat—the waters are calm, and a strong sense of flow dominates. The secret that will bring everything together for you is: Empathy. Putting yourself in the other person's shoes. Champion those who need your support and wisdom. Lucky Days: 7 - 12 Lucky Numbers: 9 - 33

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): Get ready to SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): You bring your best game (or argument) to the are starry-eyed and sparkling with magic table. It's time to clarify and define, for those now. As a fire sign, it's natural to generate in your immediate circle, what you want to achieve in the year ahead. The time for double dose now. Optimize this lucky planning and overthinking is through; you period by taking chances that you might not are ready for your close-up now! Lucky Days: 9 - 10

Lucky Numbers: 29 - 48

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): The full Moon in your sign on the 4th kicks the month into a **CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20):** The spinning whirlwind. You're juggling several different ideas that require editing. Seek family.

Lucky Days: 12 - 25 Lucky Numbers: 8 - 10 CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): There is no

fully equipped to keep several plates spinning in the air simultaneously. You'll find a steady spiritual or philosophical schools that you value; make time to revisit their wisdom. **Lucky Days:** 19 - 25 **Lucky Numbers:** 1 - 23

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): The full Moon on the 4th requires that you check your timing. You might need to pause and revisit PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): The close of the groundwork that supports the big project the year finds you in a heightened emotional you started work on earlier this year. Look for weak spots or cracks. Also, you'll want to past holidays might crowd out the present. express some TLC to those who look to you for guidance now.

Lucky Days: 4 - 14 Lucky Numbers: 9 - 45

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): Can you

or rationales? Identity and the reach of your influence are big themes for you this month. It's critical that you start the new year with self-awareness. Much is required of you in 2026. How willing are you to deliver? **Lucky Days: 23 - 29** Lucky Numbers: 10 - 12 LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): Put some

evaluate yourself clearly, without defenses

magic in your thinking by asking "what if?" questions. You can apply this exercise to your job, home front, and key relationships. The idea is to imagine things differently—to weave together a new set of possibilities for yourself in the new year. But you must start

with heartfelt inquiry. Lucky Days: 4 - 19 **Lucky Numbers:** 50 - 55

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): Allow your mischievous side to run free and play this holiday season. It's time to reconnect with the little kid that still resides inside your heart. The best way to do this is to spend time with children, to rediscover their curiosity and wonder, two qualities that will carry you far in the new year.

Lucky Days: 5 - 12 Lucky Numbers: 43 - 58

warmth and spirit, but you're feeling a normally consider. Allow your imagination to attract what you're hoping for. Lucky Days: 8 - 25

Lucky Numbers: 4 - 39

key theme for you this month is refinement. You've accomplished a lot this year, but guidance from counselors or experts familiar now you need to do some heavy editing. with the puzzles you're trying to solve. And What do you want to release or maintain and then relax into the holidays, with friends and strengthen in the months ahead? Find a way to recruit like-minded folks that can help you achieve your aims.

> **Lucky Days:** 10 - 17 Lucky Numbers: 6 - 39

excuse for slowing down this month. You are AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): Allow yourself plenty of downtime this holiday season. Celebrate accomplishments with stream of energy and inspiration from the friends and family. This is a preparatory period to make sure you've got all of your resources in order. But that doesn't mean overthinking. Use this time off to strengthen your faith for the new year ahead.

> Lucky Days: 3 - 13 Lucky Numbers: 29 - 47

state. This is common when memories of When we think of friends and loved ones we have lost, it's also a way of maintaining our relationship with them. You're here to remind us that love is an eternal bond. Lucky Days: 8 - 19

Lucky Numbers: 33 - 35

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Mutant 2. Tingle 3. Novice 4. Demise Today's Word: LISTENING

JUMBLES: CROSS RELIC DEVOUR CAMPUS

Answer: The classic vinyl albums were selling for — RECORD PRICES

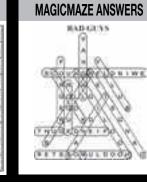
HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Shorts are shorter. 2. Suitcase is moved. 3. Thumb is moved. 4. Hat is smaller. 5. Flap on backpack is smaller. 6. Sock is missing.

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: The world is more malleable than you think and it's waiting for you to hammer it into shape. — Bono

SUDOKU ANSWERS



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Gaming News

History Making Payout

A player at a Michigan casino recently turned an ordinary blackjack hand into a historymaking payout. The Indiana man identified as Anthony W. won \$1.3 million on the Blackjack Triple Diamond Progressive while playing at FireKeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek. He placed a \$5 Bonus Spin Xtreme progressive side bet during a standard game when the mystery "must-hit" progressive was randomly triggered. His very first call after the big win? To his mom, of course. "Momma, we are out of the hood," he said in video that has since gone viral. "We're leaving tomorrow." Bonus Spin Xtreme is an optional progressive side bet available on select table games at FireKeepers Casino, including Blackjack, Poker, Craps, Roulette, and Baccarat. The wager uses three virtual wheels—the community prize wheel, hot-

Horses Allowed to Play Slots?

If you invite a Clydesdale to press the spin button on your machine and the jackpot hits, does the horse get the W-2G? Apparently to promote the Indian National Finals Rodeo at South Point Arena & Equestrian Center, an impromptu parade followed a Clydesdale right through the middle of a casino. A couple of videos of the parade were reposted by VegasSlotsOnline. They're worth a peek and be sure to read the comments for a smile.

Train Cost Skyrockets

The cost to build Brightline West, the private high-speed rail line between southern California and Las Vegas, has ballooned all the way up to \$21.5 billion. Brightline is seeking a \$6 billion loan from the federal Department of Transportation to help cover the nearly \$10 billion shortfall and is looking to raise another \$5.5 billion in a stock sale.

The initial projection was a total price tag of \$12.5 billion, though some reports we're seeing now peg that sum at \$16 billion. Either way, the increased costs are attributed to rising labor, material, and technology

Best Dealer Crowned

Though it's been held in Europe for a couple of decades, a Best Dealer tournament made its American debut at G2E this fall. A total of 34 dealers from around the country competed in tests of their skills in dealing blackjack and roulette, including card pitching and chip racking. The winner, dealer at Graton casino in northern California, took home a trophy and \$5,000; in second a dealer at Cosmopolitan and third place (Encore) finishers earned \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively.

Suspicious Betting

Several hours before the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Maria Corina Machado, was announced, online bets for the Venezuelan opposition leader spiked on the predictionmarket platform Polymarket. According spot wheel, and hot-spot prize wheel—to to the *Guardian*, up until Thursday night, determine bonus payouts for participating Yulia Navalnaya, the economist and widow of former Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, led the odds against all other candidates listed on Polymarket, while Machado's odds weren't quite 4%. Less than two hours later, they'd skyrocketed to 73%. indicating a surge of bets in favor of Machado. One U.S. bettor won \$65,000. The head of the Nobel Institute, which goes to enormous Plant? lengths to keep the winners of Nobel prizes a secret in a process developed over a halfcentury, told a Norwegian newspaper that it was "too early to be certain" if the winner had been leaked, but said he expected an investigation to be launched.





Killer Docs

If you already don't like going to the doctor, read no further. However, if your interest in true crime extends to the minds of those who have mentally shredded the Hippocratic Oath, then these five podcasts are for you:

Dr. Death — The most frightening thing about this true-crime podcast following doctors who kill is that it's lasted three seasons. Well, four actually, but it focuses on three different murderous M.D.s: a Texas neurosurgeon whose botched surgeries have injured and killed patients, an oncologist who prescribed chemotherapy to those who didn't need it, and a charismatic doctor who claimed to have revolutionary cures for cancer and HIV. The fourth season circles back to the story of the charlatan from season three but with more stories about fake cures and resultant murders. (Wondery.com)

Boggle BrainBusters Answers:

ROSE LILY IRIS DAISY PANSY TULIP LILAC ORCHID

Medical Murders — These infamous killer docs once took an oath to save lives but instead "developed more sinister specialties." This podcast examines the formative years and motives of these homicidal quacks, dissecting their medical backgrounds with expert analysis from Dr. David Kipper. Not all the murderers' identities are known, like the infamous Jack the Ripper who terrorized London in the late 1800s and who some theorize was a doctor. Other nefarious subjects include an Australian psychiatrist who put patients in sleep-induced comas, a medical student who prescribed lethal headache medicine to his wife, and a dialysis nurse who administered bleach in addition to an anticoagulant. (Spotify)

The Psychology of a Serial Killer — In this weekly podcast hosted by forensic psychiatrist Dr. Andrew Johns, listeners get to learn about the deviant minds of Drs. Harold Shipman and John Bodkin-Adams. Shipman was estimated to have murdered 250 victims over 30 years but was only convicted of killing 15. The podcast also zeroes in on another Brit, Bodkin-Adams, who was investigated after 163 of his patients died in comas. The two were polar opposites, with Bodkin-Adams charming his way into the lives of locals who subsequently bequeathed him their fortunes. Both stories are captivating, but only one of them got away with murder! (TheCrimeDesk.com)

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CryptoQuip

Because my lobe-attached jewelry falls off all the time, I always just wear an earring aid.





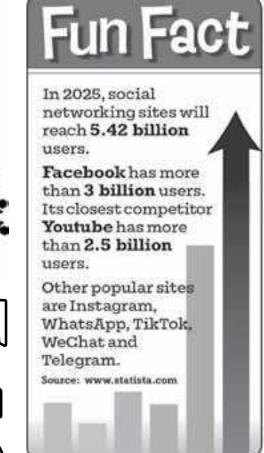
by Bonnie Mitchell

Flash Winner a

Dear Aunt Bingo,

seems to win all the large pots on the flash other players. —Aunt Bingo card games that they play in between the regular Bingo games.

a plant. I hate to believe this, as it is a church WA 98070, or email her editor at tara@ hall where we play. What is your opinion? bingobugle.com. Be sure to include your This woman infuriates everyone by yelling name and address (you can request that your Bingo at the top of her lungs. Please answer name not be published), as typically she this as we all read your column each month. will not include anonymous letters in her -Betty from Oakland, California



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Dear Betty,

A plant? At a church Bingo?

You believe that a religious institution whose purpose is to help parishioners live a Christian life and be closer to God has planted a player at its Bingo to cheat the other players. You believe that this church Bingo, whose proceeds will be used for any number of charitable activities as well as to fund the church's own good works, is doing so by running a scam. And risking their reputation as an institution if they were to be caught?

It is much more likely that this woman I am hoping that I am wrong, but at the is winning more often because she spends Bingo hall where I play Bingo, this woman more money on the flash cards games than

Share your views! Write to Aunt Bingo c/o My friend says that it is obvious that she is the Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon,

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shopping malls. -Ms. Anonymous

As we get older, we realize that the best gifts for

Christmas are found in the heart and not in the

Bring out the cake and blow out the

candles! It's time to celebrate December as

National Bingo Month. Its origin is related

to Edwin S. Lowe's creation of the first

bingo game in 1929. Shout out to bingo

staffers who run bingo games. How about

sponsoring a bingo birthday party this month

at your facility? Pick a game night and go all

out with birthday decorations, treats for all,

and special bingo game prizes. For anyone

celebrating an actual birthday that night,

offer discounted prices, or even allow them

to play for free. Design special games like

a B for Bingo Birthday and P for Party. Use

your imagination to make it a fun evening

season, so I've been thinking about regiftir

presents or not exchanging gifts at all. I love

decorating the tree and house, the carols,

special movies, the smells, the parties, and

gift giving. Growing up, our family didn't

celebrate many holidays, but Christmas

was always special. We were fortunate

in that there were always presents under

our tree and we were allowed to open one

on Christmas Eve. My husband wasn't so

On another topic, this is the Christmas



lucky as he was raised by a single mom and

Christmas was just another day in his world.

After we married, I tried to make up for that neglect and help him appreciate the joy that

I experience this time of year. I made our

Christmas cards and shopped year-round for

However, our children have grown up, moved out, and moved on, and like many

others, Christmas has become less meaningful to them. Last year, they all requested gift

cards, practical for sure, but not much fun

Christmas is not about what we get or give,

but about who's around the tree with us and

Gifts I previously bought anticipating

Share your thoughts with me about this

topic, or any other, via my contact e-mail

below. Until next month, may Lady Luck

blow you kisses as you dance out the door

Contact: nlpvzw6172@gmail.com

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BROOM-HILDA

A LOFTY TARGET. MY GOAL IS TO SOMETHING TO SET ZAP YOUR CABOOSE



--Hot toddy: A simple but effective cold-

weather drink, a hot toddy consists of

whiskey, honey, lemon juice, and hot water.

--Hot spiced cider: A classic non-alcoholic

beverage for the holidays, this can be served

--Christmas punch: There are many

variations of non-alcoholic Christmas

punch, often using cranberry and citrus

-- Cranberry mock mule: This festive and

refreshing mocktail combines cranberry

juices, ginger ale, and festive garnishes.

juice, lime juice, and spicy ginger beer.

Simple Holiday Cocktails

straight or as a base for another drink.

By Russell Myers

BINGO BUGLE



at our family party. The result being that this year, for the first time in my life, our family will skip the gift exchange and play some fun games instead. Since gift giving has become so expensive, I understand and agree. In 2024, average holiday spending per person was around \$900 according to the National Retail Federation. Whew! That's a hit to our pocketbooks as my own Christmas gift list had grown longer than Pinocchio's nose as the kids brought spouses and children into our family; not to mention various friends who count as family. Add to that the price of holiday travel, meals, and decorations and the harsh realities have hit me like a snowball to my face. I needed to adjust my spending and expectations and realize that

Christmas 2025 will be re-gifted on other occasions in 2026. Technically, this is not regifting because they are not recycled gifts Let's Raise a Glass I received from others; although there's nothing wrong with doing that either. Shouldn't an unwanted gift be given to someone who might appreciate it as opposed to it sitting in a dark closet gathering dust?

Winter brings us the magic of the holiday season and the misery of the cold, often wet, delightful winter weather. In celebration of DIY Holiday Drink Stations this time of year, let's raise a glass... oh, wait, Hot chocolate bar: Create a festive we need to fill it first. So, on that note, allow me to present:

ELLE'S NOT-SO-EXCLUSIVE HOLIDAY/WINTER BEVERAGES

No matter if you prefer your drink hot or and flavored powders. cold, alcoholic, or non-alcoholic, I probably -- Toppings: Whipped cream, have something in the list just for you. **Classic Holiday Drinks**

-- Eggnog: A rich and creamy beverage, eggnog is a staple of the holidays. It is made with milk, cream, sugar, and whipped eggs. It can be enjoyed on its own or with alcohol, such as rum, brandy, or bourbon.

--Mulled wine: This spiced, warm wine --Additions: Caramel sauce, whipped is a cozy classic. Spices typically include cream, or a splash of cranberry juice. cinnamon, cloves, and star anise, and it is simmered with citrus slices.

--Holiday Jewel: For a refreshing twist on a holiday cocktail, this 3-ingredient drink combines sparkling wine with maple syrup and orange bitters. You can garnish with rosemary, an orange twist, and cranberries.

-- Cranberry cocktail: This easy cocktail uses just cranberry juice, triple sec, and

--Sparkling cranberry cocktail: A festive and simple mixed drink, this recipe uses vodka, cranberry juice, and sparkling water.

--Baileys cocktails: Numerous holiday cocktails can be made with Baileys Irish Cream, such as Baileys hot chocolate, Baileys chocolate martinis, and Baileys White Russians.

station by offering a variety of mix-ins and toppings for hot chocolate.

--Mix-ins: Flavored syrups (like peppermint or gingerbread), caramel sauce,

marshmallows, crushed peppermints, sprinkles, and chocolate shavings.

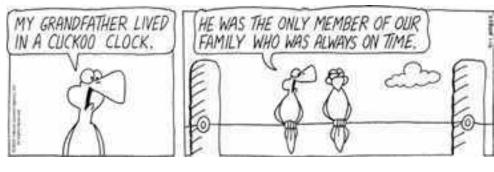
Hot spiced cider station: For a warm and inviting non-alcoholic option, a hot spiced cider station is a great choice.

--Mix-ins: Cinnamon sticks, orange slices, and star anise.

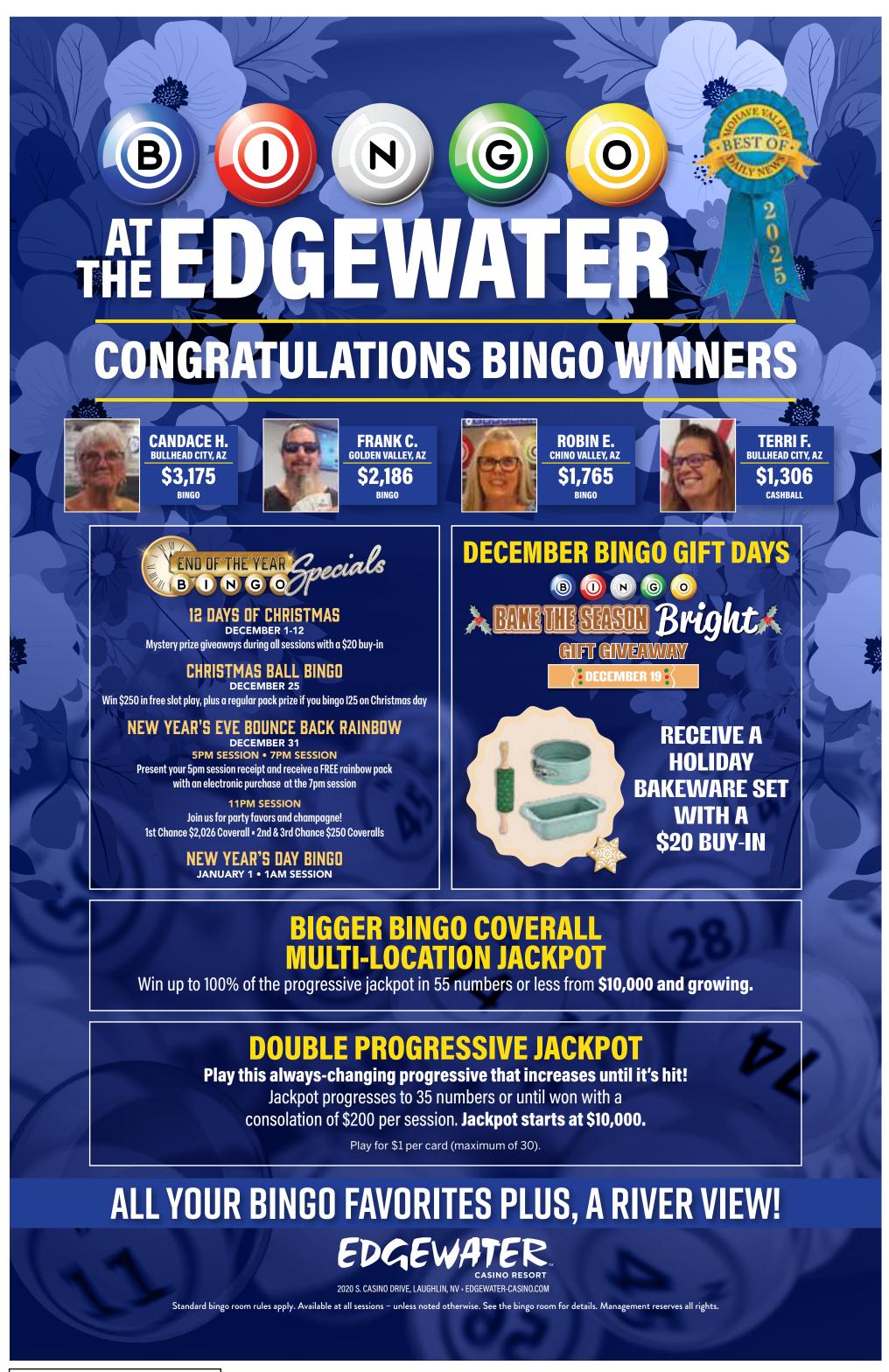
Whether you're having these with family, friends, neighbors, or even on your --Hot buttered rum: This warm, spiced own-enjoy these festive beverages, drink cocktail combines rum, butter, sugar, and hot responsibly, and know I wish you a joyful end of the year. -Xoxo, Elle

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