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Fun Fact

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* A grill tip just in time for summer: When you need to cook something that needs covering (say, chicken) alongside something that does not (like hot dogs), simply invert an aluminum roaster/cake pan over the needs-covering item. You can purchase smaller size pans that can be reused.

* "I have a tip about taking medicine. Regardless of the size of the pill, I always feel as if it is stuck in my throat. I have started to have a chunk of banana after taking a pill. I don't get that stuck feeling anymore." — **T.B. in New Hampshire**

* "The sticky residue from price tags can be really annoying. I use WD-40 to get it off. Works every time for me!" — **J.K. in Alabama**

* "Painting stairs? This tip will save your life! Paint every other step to start with. When they are dry, go back and paint the others. This way, you can use the staircase anytime during your project. This is particularly important if the stairs are the only way to get to bed after a long day of painting!" — **L.L. in Nevada**

* Mix a quarter cup of salt in with 2 tablespoons of bath wash for a sudsy, refreshing, skin-soothing salt scrub.

* To travel with pleated skirts, use this packing trick: Turn the skirt inside out, and straighten all the pleats. Then tape the bottom so that all the pleats are held together. Next, feed the skirt into a leg of pantyhose with the foot cut off. You end up with a nice tube, which you can tuck into the sides of your luggage.

Send your tips to: Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Where to Watch It**

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Couples Therapy (Season 5) — Paramount+ Showtime
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The Murder of Rachel Nickell (Documentary) — Netflix
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Mexico 86 (R) — Netflix
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Cape Fear (Season 1) — Apple TV
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

Test Your Knowledge

1. MOVIES: What is Indiana Jones' real first name in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*?
2. LITERATURE: What is Charlie's last name in the children's book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What isthmus connects the Asian and African continents?
4. MATH: What is the first prime number to follow 19?
5. GEOLOGY: What type of rock is formed by cooled lava?
6. TELEVISION: What is the title character's famous line in the TV detective show *Columbo*?
7. BUSINESS: What company's stock ticker symbol is LUV?
8. ASTRONOMY: Which four planets in our solar system have rings?
9. HISTORY: About how many people worldwide were infected by the Spanish flu in the early part of the 20th century?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: If an animal eats only plants, what is it called?

ANSWERS

1. Henry.
2. Bucket.
3. Isthmus of Suez.
4. 23.
5. Igneous.
6. "Just one more thing."
7. Southwest Airlines.
8. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.
9. Nearly one-third of the world's population.
10. An herbivore.

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by Annie E. Ennis

Trout Tips

Dear Annie,

My brother and his family came for a visit recently. They had gone fishing and caught Rainbow Trout. Can you give me some ideas on how to prepare it? The fish needed to be cleaned, which my brother, thank goodness, knew how to do, and I just baked the fillets in the oven. I would like to have other ways of preparing this fish. They were a little too dry for my palate.

Marilyn B from Gulfport, Florida

Veterans Post



The Star Act

The Major Richard Star Act seeks to allow 55,000 combat-injured veterans (who have less than 20 years of service) to receive their full pay at the same time they get disability benefits. The explanation on the website for the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the history of the act reads like a tennis match, and you could get whiplash watching the ball being volleyed back and forth. We have the vote in the Senate going from the Committee to a vote that was blocked by the Republicans as something we can't afford, to the Democrats who offered a compromise motion about floor time for the vote, back to the Republicans back to the Democrats...

It's mind-boggling to consider: You serve your country and end up so combat-injured you can't continue and you are medically retired. Then, the rules say, you have to decide between DoD retirement benefits and VA disability benefits. And for every VA dollar, they take away a DoD dollar.

Needing to calculate having VA-disability dollars deducted from DoD pay benefits doesn't help veterans decide, but passage of the Star Act would.

The Star Act says injured veterans should at least be given a choice of getting Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) or their regular retirement pay plus the Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) service-connected disability compensation. There are financial considerations of all types between the two. One example is that CRSC is not subject to division with a former spouse and CRDP is. CRSC is not taxable; CRDP is. One requires 20 years of service, and one requires 50% disability instead of 10% and being at least 60 years old. There's a lot that goes into the decision.

If you're in a position of needing to decide which financial route to go, see the info at www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/disability/comparison.

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Dear Marilyn,

When I serve Rainbow Trout or any other fresh water catch, I try to grill it on the barbecue. I have the head and tail cut off and the guts removed. I rinse the whole fish and then I make diagonal slices on both sides of the fish. I stuff these slits with a mixture of fresh garlic, salt, pepper, dill weed and fresh lemon juice. I then wrap the fish in aluminum foil and place it on the barbecue for 7 or more minutes, turning it over halfway. Of course, the length of time is based on the size of the fish. Once the fish has been grilled, it is very easy to remove the skin and the bones and just serve the fillets. I grill sliced onions and offer them with the grilled fish. I also offer additional fresh lemon slices. If the weather is not appropriate for grilling on a barbecue, here's another Rainbow Trout recipe—which can be prepared inside.

We have a fresh trout farm near our home in North Carolina and my guests always enjoy catching the fish themselves and bringing them back to our home to be barbecued or poached. I always offer a sweet dessert after serving a fish entrée. Ice cream sundaes would be ideal. Bon Appetite. —Annie

RAINBOW TROUT—POACHED

- 2-3 pounds of trout, filleted
- 1 pint dry white wine
- 4 lemon quarters
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 bay leaves

Preheat the oven to 250 degrees. Place the cleaned fillet of trout in a large deep pan. Add the wine, whole onion, bay leaves and lemon quarters. Add enough boiling salted water to just about cover the trout. Place in a 250-degree oven for 20 minutes. Serve with additional lemon slices. Makes approximately 4 servings.

BINGO LAND

NEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

* Historic Bingo Tourism: SoIN Tourism launched a new interactive digital bingo card titled "Historic SoIN: Red, White and Billie." The program acts as a tourism passport, giving prizes like retro lunchboxes to participants who visit local historic spots to celebrate America's 250th birthday. Participants travel across Clark and Floyd counties in Southern Indiana, checking in at historic locations to complete bingo and earn prizes.

* Summer Book Bingo Kicks Off: The 12th annual Summer Book Bingo partnership has launched between Seattle Arts & Lectures and regional library systems. Summer Book Bingo is a free, county-wide reading challenge running through September 8, 2026. Cards can be downloaded and printed or picked up at local libraries.

* Wyoming Bar Gaming Shutdown: The Wyoming Gaming Commission launched a massive crackdown targeting bar-hosted community games, such as "Music Bingo" and "Queen of Hearts" raffles. Regulators declared these events illegal gambling, sparking heavy pushback from local organizers who note the games have raised over \$4.5 million for area charities.

* Minnesota Charitable Tax Battles: Community organizations managing bar bingo and pull-tabs are heavily lobbying state legislators for tax relief. Advocacy groups note that current laws impose up to 33.5% tax on gross revenue before expenses can be subtracted, forcing some charities

to pay double the amount to the state than they are able to keep for local community programs.

* Washington Senior Center Adjustments: Under the newly enacted Washington State SB 5565, senior living centers and senior housing organizations can now host bingo games once per week (up from twice per calendar year) and see their annual gross revenue limits increased to \$10,000 to boost recreational fundraising.

* Rhode Island High-Stakes Bill: State lawmakers proposed a new non-charitable bingo act. If passed, it will allow Bally's casinos in Lincoln and Tiverton to host high-stakes bingo with massive corporate payouts, shifting revenue streams strictly to the state (15%), the towns (1%), and Bally's (84%).

* New Bingo Association CEO: The Bingo Association announced that Nicole Garrett will take over as Chief Executive Officer. She officially steps into the role following the departure of former CEO Miles Baron.

* Glasgow Mecca Bingo Windfall: A regular player at the Mecca Bingo club in Glasgow Forge scooped a life-changing £50,000 jackpot playing the National Bingo Game.



Christian S. won \$750 at St. John Bosco High School

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: L equals U

MWDG NZLGBOP FTGYTGY
 NDEDCOTBP OZP KBBGDGHDH
 CEKNS-BTD KVVKTOF, HTH WD
 MDKO KNLVV-ETGSF?

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PICKS OF THE MONTH

The Four Seasons: Season 2 (TV-MA) — Viewers who caught season 1 of this slice-of-life dramedy series should be excited! Season 2 kicks off after the passing of Steve Carell's character, Nick, and his friends (portrayed by Tina Fey, Will Forte and Colman Domingo) are naturally grieving his passing — each in their own special and different way. But they still vow to keep up their tradition of vacationing together, along with Nick's ex-wife (played by Kerri Kenney-Silver) and his expecting girlfriend (Erika Henningsen). Fey teased to Netflix, "They have to learn to re-form as a group in a different configuration." Whatever the configuration, I'm sure it'll be entertaining to watch! (Netflix)

Summer House: Season 10 Reunion (TV-MA) — If you are in the Bravo realm and have been watching the recent scandal unfold, you'll be just as hyped as the rest of *Summer House* fans to finally watch the season 10 reunion. The first episode of the three-part reunion premieres May 26,

when Andy Cohen will ask intense personal questions to the cast. Stars Amanda Batula and West Wilson recently rocked the internet when news of a romantic affair between the two surfaced online. Criticism from fans stems from Batula being a close friend of co-star Ciara Miller, who is Wilson's ex-girlfriend and still somewhat intertwined with Wilson herself. Not to mention, Batula's still technically married to Kyle Cooke, who's been the main star of the show since season 1. Talk about messy! Can't wait! (Peacock)

Bait (R) — One of A24's latest releases didn't do so hot at the box office, scraping together \$3 million against a \$20 million budget. (Luckily, its main star also just had another major movie release.) Anne Hathaway leads this psychological drama film about a pop icon named Mother Mary, who reconnects with her former best friend, Sam (Michaela Coel), on the night of her comeback performance. The performance is meant to smooth over a previous accident, where Mary was suspected of trying to commit suicide on stage. Although Sam's grown to resent Mary after their fallout, she agrees to design her a dress for the performance. Through this vulnerable moment, the two friends can repair the wound that infected their friendship — and release a few emotional demons as well. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

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

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Gasoline Alley

By Jim Scancarelli



Non-Father's Day

We called Cliff and Rodney to ask if they would be our honorary fathers for the Father's Day celebration at Boys and Girls Club Bingo. Both were somewhat reluctant, but the lure of free Bingo for them plus dinner after won them over. It was one of those rare and beautiful spring days when we picked them up and proceeded to the newly refurbished hall.

I was surprised to note there were more men than women. Huge Father's Day posters hung on the walls and the guys seemed to be really enjoying themselves. We told Cliff and Rodney they could have anything they wanted at the buy-in and tried hard not to look dismayed when they loaded up. We had already promised they could keep all their winnings.

Next they wanted snacks and accompanied Kate to the snack bar where she paid. I wondered if we were ever that casual while spending their money. They had certainly taken us out many times. We usually paid our own way in to Bingo, but they had bought us many meals.

First, we played the warm-ups and then moved into the regular games. There were specials about every third game. Cliff was on repeatedly and I knew he would win before long. I was, however, the first to win on the "Really Big Father's Day Special." They asked me to produce my father and I got Rodney to stand explaining he was my honorary father for the day. He received a basket of men's toiletries, but I could tell he was embarrassed. "I'm only eight years older than you," he muttered.

I won \$350 so I was no longer worried about the expenses of the day. Next Cliff won and produced Kate as his "daughter." He did not explain that this was an honorary title but grinned wickedly. Kate received a basket of women's toiletries, which I thought was very nice. Cliff had to split the prize three ways, so he only received \$75, but we still thought it was a nice win.

At intermission the guys wanted more snacks and I told Kate: "At least they won't be hungry for a very big dinner." I was certainly wrong about that.

The second half always seems to go very quickly, but there was time enough for Kate to be a winner on the "Oh My Papa" game. She got to spin the wheel and won \$1,000, which excited us all so much we could scarcely think.

We went happily on to dinner, Kate looking at her check several times. I finally noticed Rodney was very quiet and asked him if anything might be wrong. "Oh, no, nothing," he said. When he continued to be quiet, I pressed him again. "Well," he admitted, "You will have to admit that being an honorary father takes a good bit of pizzazz. I feel like I rated a special prize. You all won big bucks and all I got was a bar of soap and some after-shave." We all got a giggle out of that and I told him at least he'd smell extra fresh for his next bingo outing.

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1. While reading about the *I Ching*, Harrison decided to write a song based on the first words he saw upon opening a book at random. The first words he saw were "gently weeps." The song appears on the group's double white album, released in 1968.
2. The Downbeats. As Raiders, the group wore Revolutionary War costumes on stage and had their first hit with "Just Like Me" in 1965.
3. Jiles Perry Richardson Jr. He died in the plane crash that also killed Buddy Holly and Ritchie Valens in February 1959.
4. Bob Dylan, in 1965.
5. "I'm Gonna Make You Mine," by Lou Christie, in 1969. The song charted around the globe and spent 12 weeks on the Hot 100.

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Playing Poker against a \$10,000,000 World Poker Champion

By Chad Holloway

Have you ever played poker against a world champion?

I recently had the opportunity to do just that while in Las Vegas. Michael "The Grinder" Mizrachi topped a field of 9,735 players to win the 2025 World Series of Poker (WSOP) \$10,000 Main Event for \$10 million. What's more, because of his long career chock full of other accomplishments, a special induction was held after his historic win to give him coveted Poker Hall of Fame status.

Mizrachi, who hails in Florida, has long been a fan-favorite in the poker world, but as the reigning WSOP Main Event champ, he's been on a worldwide ambassador tour of sorts.

As a part of that, he is hosting a monthly "Grinder's Game" cash game at Venetian Poker Live followed by a \$200 buy-in "Grinder's Bounty" poker tournament, where players have the chance to knock out the champ and claim a \$250 bounty.

It was in that tournament I had the chance to play against the champ, though I didn't manage to knock him out. That's because my time in the tournament came to an unceremonious end after losing a big hand that demonstrates no matter how good your draw, you can fall to an inferior hand if you miss.

The hand in question took place when the blinds were 600/1,200/1,200. I had built the 25,000 starting stack up to around 34,000 when a local poker grinder named Brandon Sunshine raised to 3,000 from the hijack (the spot two to the right of the dealer button). I was in the small blind opted to call with the Ac6c, and the short-stacked player in the big blind called an additional 1,800 to see a flop of 5c6h7c.

I flopped middle pair with the nut flush draw, and there was little doubt in my mind that I wanted to get it in. However, instead of open-jamming I checked figuring at least one of my opponents would make a move. Sure enough, the big blind moved all in for his last 4,000 and Sunshine, who had a big stack, shoved all in over the top.

I quickly called off my remaining 31,000 and was delighted to discover that not only did the big blind have a bad hand, something like Qx10x, but Sunshine had the 10c8c for an inferior flush draw.

Even so, I was only a 2-to-1 (64.75% to 34.34%) favorite over Sunshine. That's

because he not only had an open-ended straight draw, he had two live cards, meaning if he pair either his ten or eight he'd take the lead.

I wasn't as big a favorite as it seemed on the surface, and sure enough, the 10d spiked on the turn and made him a 3-to-1 (72.73% to 27.27%) favorite according to the PokerNews Odds Calculator.

The river was the useless 2s and Sunshine scored to knockouts, collecting a pair of \$50 in the process. I thought I was in a great spot to win a massive pot and maybe contend with a world champ in his own tournament, but instead I found myself on the rail with no recourse but to try again next month!

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1. Michael (PG-13) Jaafar Jackson, Nia Long
2. The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13) Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway
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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



by cindy elavsky

Q: I saw that Alec Baldwin was back in court again for the unfortunate shooting on the set of his movie. I thought that all the charges against him were dismissed. — C.W.

A: Alec Baldwin was charged with involuntary manslaughter for the accidental death of cinematographer Halyna Hutchins, but a judge dismissed the case with prejudice (meaning that it couldn't be refiled) a year later. A settlement was reached between the movie's (Rust) producers and Hutchins' family. But now Baldwin is in civil court with a suit that was filed by gaffer Serge Svetnoy for emotional distress. This trial is set to begin in October 2026.

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15 Instrument panel
17 Homer's neighbor
18 Thread holders
19 "Tiny Alice" playwright
21 "Heavens!"
22 Spud
24 Green gem
27 Church seat
28 Ken or Barbie
31 Glamorous Gardner
32 Shoe width
33 Teeny
34 Baseball glove
36 British "Inc."
37 - B'rith
38 Soil
40 Opposite of nyet
41 "Yippee!"
43 Vile
47 Ghostly greeting
48 Music group at a New Year's Eve party

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4 Not on the road
5 Novelist Anita
6 Alias letters
7 "It's c-c-cold!"
8 Nasser's successor
9 "The Da Vinci Code" author
10 Out of the storm
11 Ordered
16 Journalist
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20 Started
22 Pearly whites
23 Dumbstruck
24 Bread spread
25 Bird (Pref.)
26 Appointment tracker
27 Hide
29 Meadow
30 Tiki bar neck-lace
35 Eastern path
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40 Female hare
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COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS NOW ON ASTROLOGY PAGE

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Even though I knew not to, I was drawn to the lake. As if in a dream I walked out of the Bingo hall down to the shore. The water's surface was slightly ruffled by something under water, so I got down on my hands and knees to take a closer look. It moved like a layer of thickly poured oil, but the light was too dim to make anything out. As I reached down to touch it, a voice of pure sound came from the darkness. It was an operatic soliloquy of intense beauty. My eyes peered through the night. Then like a spotlight, a moon beam illuminated a woman on the opposite shore. She appeared to be dressed in a white gown made of Bingo cards. As she sang, her body rippled with the effort. I was hypnotized. Her voice was like honey to my ears. It drew me into the water. Even though the water was freezing, I walked toward her. Under the surface I felt something press on my legs. It was warm and reminded of my mother's hand when she touched my face. I kept going deeper into the water. I wanted to be consumed by the

casading song of her voice. When I was waist deep a joy invaded my soul. I felt as if I just won all the Bingo games I ever played. It was heaven in Alabama.

"YOU FOOL!" I heard a voice screaming. It was Preacher Reece pulling me back to shore. "I told you not to go in the water. You think I was friggin' joking? The Bingo Maiden will strip your soul like kids eatin' tater tots." Then he slapped me around until I got a hold of myself.

"The Bingo Maiden is the cursed one. Where I go she follows. She lures my sweet lambs into the clutches of her arms." As I sat there taking in his words, I remembered Sarah-Mae.

"I can see by your eyes you know what I'm talking about. She waits for Bingo Disciples to fall into her arms. Beware my boy, beware."

I lay on the ground staring into the night sky. I woke up the next day to chanting coming from the Bingo hall. Then a line of people, dressed in white, came out one by one. They wore Bingo cards on their chests. The Preacher was leading the first one by the hand. When he got to the water's edge, he dipped the lady into the water.

"Blessed be you," he said. "Go safely forth to play Bingo."

Next month: Bingo John strikes out into the desert.



Sycuan Cup Marks 35 Years of Community Impact and Partnership

The Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation Donates a Total of \$100,000 to Four Charities

EL CAJON, Calif. - June 10, 2026 - Every golfer made an impact during the 35th Sycuan Cup Golf Tournament at Singing Hills Golf Club. With participants gathering for a day of golf, the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation presented a total of \$100,000 to four charities, celebrating each organization's mission on Wednesday, June 3.

This year, the Sycuan Tribe brought together Sycuan leaders, event sponsors and beneficiaries to support causes ranging from environmental conservation and public safety to disability and social services. The following four beneficiaries each received \$25,000 to continue making an impact on the community:

- Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy (KDLC)a
- 4Corners K-9 Search and Rescue
- St. Madeleine Sophie's Center
- East County Transitional Living Center

"We are very grateful for your support, for your partnership and your commitment to making a positive difference here in San Diego County" Chairman Cody Martinez from the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation said. "This tournament today is about much more than a day of golf. It is an opportunity for all of us to come together in the spirit of giving, friendship and service to our community"

The two-day celebration began with a Welcome Party at Sycuan Casino Resort's pool venue, Retreat Pool & Cabanas, on Tuesday, June 2. The following morning, participants gathered for the golf tournament, networking over breakfast while learning about each nonprofit's community impact. Chairman Cody Martinez also presented a donation to each nonprofit and shared his remarks recognizing their ongoing service and outreach efforts.

For 35 years, the Sycuan Cup has brought communities together in support of nonprofits and drive meaningful impact through its annual golf tournament. Each year, the Sycuan Tribal Council selects organizations representing a range of causes, including youth development, arts, and healthcare, among others. Altogether, the event highlights the strength of partnerships, fostering lasting community support in San Diego and beyond. To learn more about the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, please visit www.sycuan-tribe.com.

ANIMAL CRACKERS

By Fred Wagner



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Casino Q&A

Q: I enjoy playing keno, but I seldom win anything. Is there any strategy I can use to improve my chances of winning?

A: Like the numbers in Bingo, numbers in keno are selected at random. And for a game where results are entirely random, there can be no strategy.

There are, however, a few things you should know about keno. The house advantage on a live keno game is a steep 28%. At a video keno game, it's just 7.5%. But on a video game, you play faster and lose faster.

Helpful tip: Play six numbers. In keno, numbers have a tendency to group. The numbers 26, 27, 28, 35, 36, and 37 seem to hit more often than others. It's a favorite six-spot for regular keno players. But whatever numbers you pick, stick with them. When you get tired of playing these numbers, play a different set of six numbers for a while. Finally, play s-l-o-w-l-y. And don't forget to use your player's club card.

Q: Is there a strategy for beating craps?

A: No. The only way to beat the game is by learning how to control your throw of the dice. And this is a technique that requires many months of practice. To learn more about this technique you might consider buying

Frank Scoblete's book, *Golden Touch Dice Revolution! How to Win at Craps Using a Controlled Dice Throw*. It shows how the dice should spin in the air, land, and hit the back wall. You can order the book from a local bookstore or from Amazon.com.

Q: Is it true that when payout symbols begin to appear just above or below the payline a big payout is on the way?

A: You're describing the "near miss" feature. This is where you keep seeing winning symbols lined up just above or below the payline or partially on the payline, like 7-7-bar. Naturally, you think you just missed by a hair, and it's a sign that the next spin will do the trick. It won't. Winning symbols will occasionally appear like this, but simply as a result of the computer's random selection process. You notice them merely because they show so infrequently. But these "near misses" don't increase or decrease your likelihood of winning. They're just another spin, but one that tricks people into playing longer.

Q: In roulette, is the tote board that shows the last 20 numbers hit of any value to the player?

A: Absolutely none. Roulette is a game of chance. And in games of chance, what happened in the past is no indication of what will happen in the future. Thus, the numbers you see on the tote boards are meaningless.



The Dog Days of Summer

The Dog Days of Summer are celebrated from July 3 to August 11. It's hot and muggy. The thermometer's edging toward triple digits. Welcome to the Dog Days of Summer, the hottest, muggiest days of the year. As the song goes "roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer." If you are feeling the effects of hot, muggy, sultry,

"weather that you can wear" you can be certain that you are in the Dog Days of Summer. It is also a period of drought and occasional strong thunderstorms.

The Dog Days Summer are the hottest and steamiest part of summer. Typically, this is the period when Sirius, the Dog Star, rises at the same time as the Sun, from July 3 -August 11.

Whatever your favorite pastime for the Dog Days of Summer, it doesn't need to be spent indoors all day long, in air-conditioned comfort. Rather, get out and enjoy the hot weather while it is here. After all, the days are already growing shorter, and before you know it, Autumn will be here.

Celebrate the Dog Days of Summer while avoiding a heatstroke. It's time to do those memorable summertime activities, that help us to keep our cool. They include:

- Take a dip in the pool.
- Go to the beach.
- Take the kids to a water park.
- Watch the sultry days go by in a cozy hammock.
- Laze under a shady tree.
- Quaff your thirst with a frozen summer drink.
- Go to an evening baseball game.

Don't forget to say, "Is it hot enough for you?" as often as possible! —Elle



Don't Overlook Your Dental Health As You Age

For years, hormones have been an overlooked factor in women's oral health. Hormones influence everything from mood and metabolism to reproductive health. But they also play a significant role in the health of your teeth and gums.

Two key hormones—estrogen and progesterone—fluctuate throughout a woman's life. Puberty, menstruation, pregnancy, and menopause impact how gum tissue responds to plaque and bacteria, and reinforce how critically important it is to maintain consistent dental hygiene habits.

"For women, hormone fluctuation can make the mouth more vulnerable to inflammation, gum disease, and tooth sensitivity," said Nadia Fugate, DMD.

There are several dental health concerns during perimenopause, menopause, and post-menopause. According to a Delta Dental 2024 Oral Health and Menopause Survey, 52% of 40+ year old women had no idea that a decline in estrogen levels can affect dental health. A decline in estrogen affects saliva production, which leads to dry mouth and an increased risk of gum disease. And tooth loss goes up in women who have gum disease, compared to men, due to reduced bone density during and after menopause. Women can also experience altered taste and a burning sensation in their mouths.

Hormones do affect your dental health, and while they do fluctuate throughout life, it's important that your dental hygiene routine remains constant. Brush twice daily, floss once a day, and get regular dental checkups.

For more information about hormones and dental care check out the Delta Dental of Washington Knowledge Center at <https://www.deltadentalwa.com/knowledge-center>.

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Gaming News

Gambling Revenue Up

For the sixth straight year, the U.S. commercial gaming industry (not including tribal and charitable casinos, racetracks, Class II devices, and lottery) set a new record for revenue. According to *State of the States 2026: The AGA Survey of the Commercial Casino Industry*, the industry achieved \$78.6 billion last year, up 9.1% over 2024, generated \$17.9 billion in gaming tax revenue for state and local governments, and provided employment for 1.8 million people across the country. Of course, profits for the gambling industry involves deficits from players—not entirely, given more people gambling and people gambling more frequently and/or higher amounts, among other factors. But while the industry celebrates, player losses mount, especially at iGaming.

AARP Bulletin Takes on iGaming

The May/June issue of AARP's tabloid-style Bulletin is an epic eight-page (out of 40) investigative piece on the rapid growth of app-based gambling, including online casino games and sports betting, and its impact on retirees. It forcefully makes the point that with fixed incomes and limited ability to recover from losses, older adults can face serious financial harm when gambling habits escalate. The piece doesn't cover much new ground for casino veterans like us, but with an estimated readership of 33 million, it will be an eye-opener for tens of millions of seniors who aren't aware that iGaming—in only the seven states where it's legal in the U.S.—will very soon break the \$1 billion win mark for operators, per month. The extensive coverage in the latest Bulletin signals that this issue has fully

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Protect Yourself from Scams

The Federal Trade Commission has some great consumer advice about keeping your online information safe from scammers. With new breaches and thefts being reported all the time, we need to know as much as we can.

See consumer.ftc.gov/node/77479 for a detailed list of suggestions and help.

Keeping your software up to date is at the top of the list, and it makes sense. After all, your devices could include cellphones, computers, smart TVs and more. Turn on "automatic updates" so those are installed without you needing to remember.

At the same time, your home's Wi-Fi network needs monitoring. At that FTC link, click on the information to secure your network.

One of the suggestions is "Choose an automatically generated password" and it gives links to the various browsers for more detailed information, such as Chrome, Mac and Firefox.

My personal opinion: You don't need a third party or anything automatically generated to help you come up with a strong password.

To create a password, don't use any known information such as your mother's maiden name or somebody's date of birth. Use information that is likely only known to you, or better yet, use a short phrase (but be sure it's at least 15 characters long). Then intersperse that phrase with numbers, capital letters and symbols.

Example of your phrase: I really hate scammers

Then insert numbers and symbols:

I*really693#HATE@@@scammers##

The link at the FTC page has much more information, including what to do if you somehow do get scammed.

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crossed over into mainstream awareness as a major financial and social threat to older Americans.

New Scorese Series

Academy Award-winning director Martin Scorsese (*The Departed*) is returning to Las Vegas—the setting for his movie *Casino*—for a new eight-episode Netflix series described as a "modernized, but still dangerous, version of the legendary city." Oscar Isaac (lots of movies, including *Star Wars* and *X-Men*) will play the leading role as a hotel-casino owner who "has to make some long-odds moves to try and secure his position and take more ground." The series, titled *The Roman*, will co-star Betty Gilpin, Alec Baldwin, and David Costabile. Scorsese will be executive producer, along with Brian Koppelman and David Levien of *Billions*, *Rounders*, and *Ocean's Thirteen* fame, who will also be the show runners. No timetable for shooting or release has been revealed.

Prediction Markets Commentary

An incisive commentary on the most controversial gambling topic that has emerged in decades is posted on CDC Gaming. In the piece, titled *The wisdom of crowds and other expensive misconceptions*, long-time gaming-industry expert and consultant Andrew Tottenham argues that the claims these markets promulgate, that they aggregate the wisdom of crowds and produce more accurate forecasts than any individual expert can provide, are a leaky bucket at best and a downright fraud at worst. "The problem is that the product bears little resemblance to the pitch." His thesis boils down to this: "A market valued for its ability to aggregate information creates, at sufficient scale, a financial incentive to corrupt the very information it is aggregating." In other words, the "crowd" is "wise" until it gets too expensive for the biggest players to be truthful and trustworthy.

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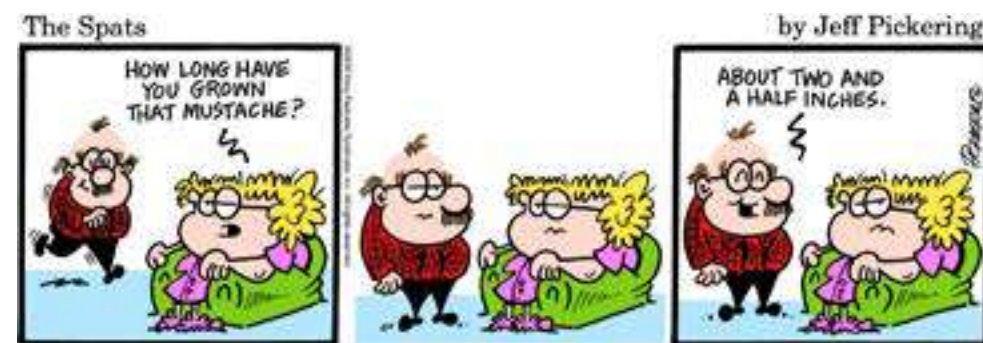
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HOLLYWOOD
 by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — As we predicted, this year's Best Actor Oscar winner Michael B. Jordan (*Sinners*) and Oscar nominee Austin Butler (*Elvis*) will respectively play Rico Tubbs and Sonny Crockett (originally played by Phillip Michael Thomas and Don Johnson) in the remake of the 1984-89 series *Miami Vice*. But why did it take forever to come up with *Miami Vice '85*? They say that they'll be "taking us back to the glamour and corruption of the mid-80s in Miami."

Jordan recently completed *The Thomas Crown Affair* (made in 1968 with Steve McQueen and again in 1999 with Pierce Brosnan). It's set to open in March 2027. Butler has an upcoming crime film called *Enemies*, opposite Jeremy Allen White, but there's no release date as of yet.

You'd think that Brad Pitt, 62, would need all his energy to keep up with his 33-year-old girlfriend, Ines de Ramon (who worked at Christie's auction house and the Swiss luxury jeweler De Grisogono before becoming the vice president of the Los-Angeles-based fine jewelry brand Anita Ko Jewelry). They began dating in 2022. But Pitt's still booked and busy; he's wrapped *The Adventures of Cliff Booth* with Scott Caan, which hails from a script by Quentin Tarantino. It's a standalone sequel to *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* (2019), with David Fincher directing.

Pitt also completed the action film *Heart of the Beast* with J.K. Simmons and is currently filming the psychological thriller *The Riders* with Danny Huston in Ireland, Greece and Belgium. Maybe he gets his stamina from the fountain of youth he's dating!

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"Sit down my son. It's time for dinner." "We'll be here for a day or two to rebuild our strength. But whatever you do, DO NOT go down to the lake behind the Bingo hall," he said, downing a soda while eating a hotdog. When I asked him why, he answered by slowly chewing and staring at me with narrowed eyes. Then he raised his hand to silence my question.

After dinner, we retired to a room lined with dusty recliners arranged in a semicircle around a stack of antique Bingo cards. I stared at the cards until my eyes closed. A few hours later, I was awakened by a presence. It was as if something was in the room looking down at me from above. The Preacher was gone, and as my vision cleared, the side door slowly opened to reveal a porch, and the light of a full moon reflected off the lake with a spectral glow.

Even though I knew not to, I was drawn to the lake. As if in a dream I walked out of the Bingo hall down to the shore. The water's surface was slightly ruffled by something under water, so I got down on my hands and knees to take a closer look. It moved like a layer of thickly poured oil, but the light was too dim to make anything out. As I reached down to touch it, a voice of pure sound came from the darkness. It was an operatic soliloquy of intense beauty. My eyes peered through the night. Then like a spotlight, a moon beam illuminated a woman on the opposite shore. She appeared to be dressed in a white gown made of Bingo cards. As she sang, her body rippled with the effort. I was hypnotized. Her voice was like honey to my ears. It drew me into the water. Even though the water was freezing, I walked toward her. Under the surface I felt something press on my legs. It was warm and reminded of my mother's hand when she touched my face. I kept going deeper into the water. I wanted to be consumed by the

cascading song of her voice. When I was waist deep a joy invaded my soul. I felt as if I just won all the Bingo games I ever played. It was heaven in Alabama.

"YOU FOOL!" I heard a voice screaming. It was Preacher Reece pulling me back to shore. "I told you not to go in the water. You think I was friggin' joking? The Bingo Maiden will strip your soul like kids

eatin' tater tots." Then he slapped me around until I got a hold of myself.



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 By Samantha Weaver

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Lucky Lotto News

Win Win Situation

Richard from Brunswick, Ohio won his first prize—valued at \$5,000 before taxes—back in March after purchasing an Ultimate \$5,000,000 Scratch-Off ticket at the Brunswick Valero gas station, lottery officials wrote in a news release. Then weeks later, he won again on April 24. The second time, he returned to the gas station, purchasing a Billion Scratch-Off ticket. As luck would have it, he won a \$10,000 prize. “He’s thinking it might be his lucky gas station,” lottery officials said. “He couldn’t believe he won the first time and then after winning again he said that his prayers have truly been answered.” Richard will take home a total of \$10,987.50 after federal and state taxes and told lottery officials that he plans to spend the money on a new roof.

Man Wins Lottery an 18th Time

A man from Idaho recently won a \$50,000 lottery prize, bringing his total number of career wins to 18. “Does lightning strike 18 times? For Idaho Lottery player Robert Bevan...it just might,” the Idaho Lottery shared online, along with photos and highlights from his wins over the years, which they uncovered while looking through their records. “Back in 1997, Robert was also one of the winners of our iconic ‘Blazer Bucks’ promotion when the Idaho Lottery gave away seven 1997 Chevy 4-Door Blazers across Idaho,” they wrote. In addition to the car, his prizes have ranged from \$1,000-\$200,000. As for his most recent \$50,000 win, that came from a \$1,000,000 King Scratch Game. According to Bevan, over the years, playing the lottery with his wife has “become part of life” and something the couple does together just for fun. When asked about his good fortune, Bevan simply told lottery officials, “My real luck is 40 years with the same amazing woman.”

Pizza Break Brings Big Prize

A Michigan woman hit a record-breaking jackpot in May after buying a lottery ticket on her lunch break. Sue Strong, 65, purchased the Club Keno ticket at Party Palace Liquor Inc., on Schoenherr Road in Shelby Township, according to a news release from the Michigan Lottery. The Shelby Township woman paid an extra \$1 for an add-on known as “The Jack,” which gives players nine easy pick numbers to match the Club Keno numbers drawn. “I regularly play Club Keno, and I always add The Jack to my ticket,” Strong said, per lottery officials. “I went out and bought a Club Keno ticket and pizza on my lunch break and then watched the drawings on my phone while I ate.” Suddenly, Strong realized she had matched her easy pick The Jack numbers to nine of the 20 Club Keno numbers in the drawing. As a result, Strong was the winner of a record-breaking \$822,159 Club Keno The Jack prize. The previous record was \$677,141, which was won in March 2025. “I was shocked!” Strong exclaimed. “It was nerve wracking and exciting, and to be honest, I’ve hardly slept since!” Strong has since visited Michigan Lottery headquarters to claim her prize, according to lottery officials. The woman now plans to share some of her winnings with family, in addition to paying bills and saving what is left.

LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

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GAMING TODAY

by Henry Tamburin

Royal Flush Q&A

I get many questions about a royal flush in video poker—not surprising since it’s the premier hand that all video poker players dream (and hope) of getting. Here’s a sample of questions and my responses.

Q. I’ve been playing video poker several times a week for over a year. You keep saying that a royal flush occurs once in every 40,000 hands yet I still haven’t gotten a royal. What gives?

A. Firstly, I never wrote that you could expect one royal flush after playing 40,000 hands (or one cycle). What I wrote was, “On average, you will hit a royal flush once in every 40,000 hands.” The word “average” means a whole bunch of sets of 40,000 hands. In other words, in any given set of 40,000 hands, you could hit more than one royal flush or, heaven forbid, possibly no

royals. In fact, you have a 36.8% chance that you won’t get a royal in one cycle (40,000 hands), and a 13.5% chance after two cycles (80,000 hands). (Ouch!) Therefore, the fact that you went over a year without a royal is statistically possible.

Q. How come every time I need one card for a royal flush, it never shows up, but that exact card that I needed always seems to show up on the very next hand?

A. That’s because you have “selective memory.” The computer program in the video poker machine that randomly selects the cards for each hand doesn’t use the information from previous hands to determine which cards it will deal. Every hand is a random deal regardless of what cards appeared (or didn’t appear) on the previous hand.

Q. Over three years, I hit seven royal flushes in the same casino and none in two other casinos that I play regularly. I’m beginning to believe those casinos somehow tighten their video poker machines so players can’t get a royal.

A. You will average one royal flush per roughly every 40,000 hands at any casino. Casinos can’t change the odds of hitting a royal flush. (What they can do is change the payout...some casinos will pay less than 4,000 coins for a royal flush; therefore, always check to be sure that the payout for a five-coin royal flush is 4,000 coins.) The bottom line is as long as the pay schedule is the same for a particular video poker game, the odds of getting a royal flush will be the same no matter where the machine is located (assuming a random deal).

Q. I’ve been dealt many three- and four-card royal flushes lately. What are the odds of this happening?

A. Playing Jacks or Better, you’ll experience the thrill of being dealt a four-card royal flush once in every 2,777 hands (roughly once every four hours on average). Once in every 92 hands, on average, you’ll be dealt a three-card royal flush (about 7-8 per hour). This is what makes video poker exciting; namely, that you’ll have several opportunities to draw for a royal flush even if the odds are somewhat long.

Q. My wife plays Jacks or Better. Recently she was dealt a hand that contained a four-card straight flush with a gap and a three-card royal flush. She held the three-card royal flush. Was that the correct play?

A. I’m sorry to say, it wasn’t. The correct play was to hold the four-card straight flush (even with a gap) over the three-card royal flush. (Tip: If your wife had a strategy card with her, she would have made the right play.)



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by Debbie Baldwin

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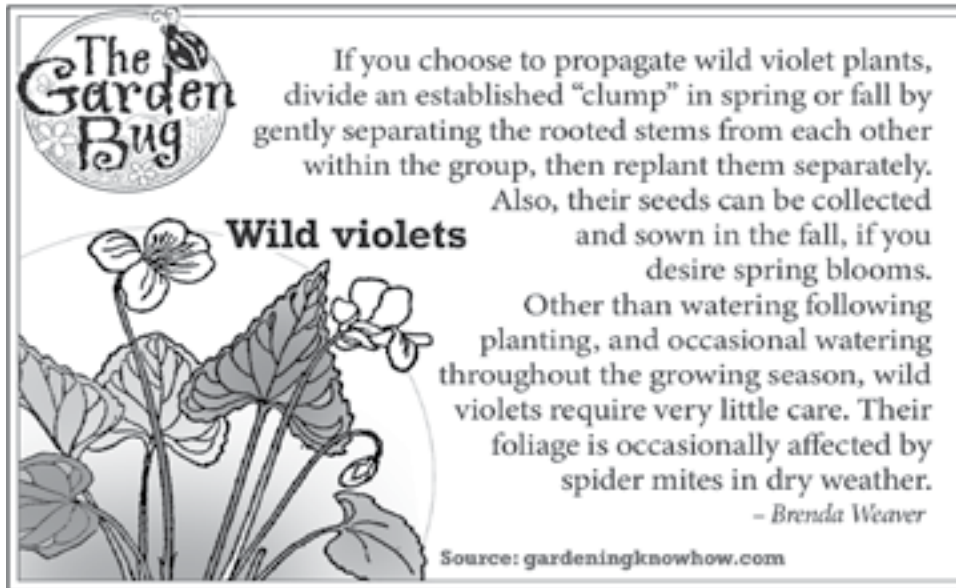


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DEAR PAWS: When my cat developed cancer, the only symptom he had was weird. “Manny” started jumping up on the kitchen table and staring at me while I made dinner! He never jumped up on the table or kitchen counters before. We were very lucky that his annual checkup took place soon after that. I told the vet about the behavior, and she ordered an additional blood test, which showed there was a problem. My cat is being treated for lymphoma and is doing very well. So I don’t think a sudden change in behavior is just “cute,” pay attention! — *Linda R., Saratoga Springs, New York*

DEAR LINDA: I’m so glad to hear that Manny is doing well! Lymphoma is usually very responsive to chemotherapy, and cats experience few side effects in most cases. Cats are especially good at hiding illness; it’s instinctively built in. Plus, some illnesses mimic other diseases, or just present as quirky behavior changes.

Symptoms of possible cancer in pets can be subtle, so contact your pet’s veterinarian if you notice any of the following: changes in behavior or eating habits; loss of interest in favorite activities; lameness or indications of pain; unexplained weight loss; abdominal swelling; lumps or bumps on their skin that change over time; persistent vomiting or diarrhea; bleeding; difficulty eating, breathing or swallowing; or sores that won’t heal.

Many of these symptoms show up in diseases other than cancer, which is why it’s important to have your pet evaluated by a vet to determine the cause and get the correct treatment.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

QUESTIONS

1. On Jan. 22, 1987, how many fans braved a blizzard and became part of an elite club by attending a New Jersey Devils’ NHL game?
2. Name the actor who played baseball legend Ty Cobb in director Ron Shelton’s 1994 sports biography film *Cobb*.
3. What two NFL teams merged for the 1944 season due to a shortage of players during World War II?
4. Anton Geesink became the first non-Japanese judoka to win a gold medal at the World Judo Championships (1961) and won gold at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. Geesink represented what country?
5. Name the Brazilian tennis player who won French Open men’s singles titles in 1997, 2000 and 2001.
6. Which Cincinnati Reds player won the Tip O’Neill Award for best Canadian baseball player seven times from 2010 to 2017?
7. What South Asian island nation’s men’s cricket team, nicknamed the Lions, won the 1996 ICC Cricket World Cup?

ANSWERS

1. 334.
2. Tommy Lee Jones.
3. The Pittsburgh Steelers and Chicago Cardinals.
4. Netherlands.
5. Gustavo Kuerten.
6. Joey Votto.
7. Sri Lanka.

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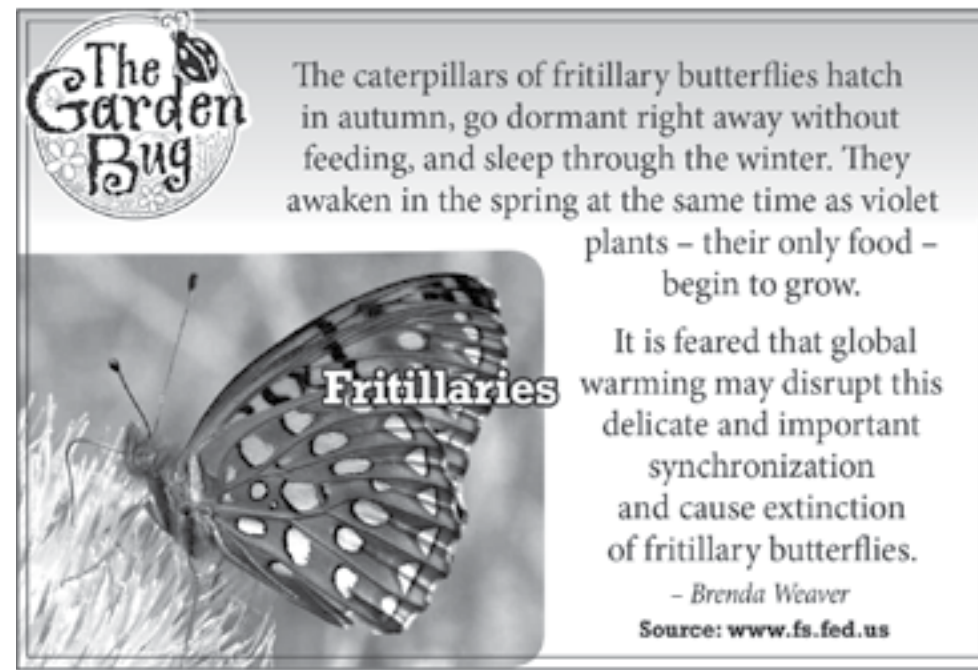
Carolyn Singletary won \$2,700 at Morongo Casino



Karen M. won \$500 at Santa Ana Elks



Cassie S. won \$500 at 40 Martyrs



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Pre-Pack Problem

Hi Guy, Here’s my question: What can be done about the Bingo paper sellers at Bingo halls who set aside packs for a select few players who play at the Bingo hall on a regular basis?

For example, when I play Bingo at several local halls, a man wins the majority of the time. Please don’t get me wrong—I honestly enjoy seeing people win, and I, too, win—no problem there, none at all. My point is that I’ve asked for a pack that was tucked off to the side that the seller had for a particular male player—as I observed while standing in line behind him on many occasions for many, many long years.

I have wanted to ask that question: What can be done? I don’t know the proper authority to ask. Could you or would you please help me? And by no means am I jealous, not in the least. — *Virginia*

Hi Virginia, I’m feeling a bit like a dim bulb on this one. Why would someone ask for a particular pack to be set aside for him or her? And what is it about a particular pack that makes it more desirable than the others? A lucky number? They want the first/last/middle pack in the series? What’s the magic?

Obviously over the years this man has made some kind of arrangement with the seller to have his “special” pack set aside for him. And his being treated “special” has gotten under your skin. You say you are not jealous, but my guess is that this bugs you and you feel this man is getting some sort of advantage that is helping him win more—although I have no idea what that could be.

Here’s an idea. Why don’t you approach the man and casually mention that you’ve noticed that he gets a pack set aside for him, and you’ve always wondered why. His answer may be so simple that it puts your mind at ease over the issue.

Other than that, I am unclear why you feel an “authority” must be asked—unless you feel that some rule or regulation is being broken. If you do, then perhaps a word with the hall manager will help you get the answer you need. — *Guy*

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

Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Still Working at 65? How to Handle Medicare

Dear Savvy Senior,

My wife and I are approaching 65, but I’m still working and have good health coverage through my employer. Do we need to enroll in Medicare at this point?

— *Almost 65*

Dear Almost,

If you or your spouse is still working past age 65 and have health insurance through your job, you may be able to delay enrolling in Medicare without a late enrollment penalty. However, the rules depend largely on the size of your employer.

First, a quick refresher: Remember that original Medicare has two parts. Part A, which covers hospital care and is premium-free for most people. And Part B, which covers doctor visits, lab tests, and outpatient care and has a monthly premium of \$202.90 in 2026. Higher-income individuals (over \$109,000) and couples (over \$218,000) pay more.

If you’re already receiving Social Security, you’ll automatically be enrolled in Parts A and B when you turn 65, and your Medicare card will arrive in the mail. It will include instructions on how to return it if you have employer coverage that allows you to delay Part B.

If you’re still working:

Start by talking with your benefits manager or HR department to understand how your employer insurance works with Medicare. In most cases, it makes sense to enroll in Part A since it’s free. However, if you contribute to a Health Savings Account, enrolling in Part A will stop those contributions.

Whether you should enroll in Part B usually depends on your employer’s size.

Small employer:

If your employer has fewer than 20 employees, Medicare becomes your primary insurance. In this case, you should enroll in Part B during your Initial Enrollment Period, which lasts seven months: the three months

before your 65th birthday, your birthday month, and the three months after.

If you aren’t receiving Social Security, you’ll need to apply for Medicare. You can do this online at ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up, by phone at 800-772-1213, or in person at your local Social Security office.

If you miss your Initial Enrollment Period, you’ll need to wait for the General Enrollment Period, which runs January 1st through March 31st. Coverage begins the first day of the month after you enroll, but a 10-percent penalty is added to your Part B premium for each full year you waited. Signing up on time helps you avoid both coverage gaps and added costs.

Large employer:

If your employer has 20 or more employees, your group health plan remains your primary insurance while you’re actively working. In this case, you generally don’t need to enroll in Part B at 65 if your coverage is adequate. If you do enroll, Medicare will serve as secondary coverage.

Once your employment or employer coverage ends, you’ll have an eight-month Special Enrollment Period to sign up for Part B without penalty.

Check drug coverage:

You should also review your prescription drug coverage. Ask your benefits manager if your employer’s plan is considered “credible.” If it is, you don’t need to enroll in a Medicare Part D plan. If it isn’t, you should sign up for Part D during your Initial Enrollment Period to avoid a penalty—typically 1 percent of the national average premium for each month you delay. You can compare Part D plans at medicare.gov/plan-compare.

Need help? For free guidance, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program at 877-839-2675 or shiphelp.org. You can also call the Medicare Rights Center helpline at 800-333-4114.

Navigating Medicare while you’re still working can be confusing, but a quick check with your employer and a clear understanding of the rules can help you avoid costly mistakes. Taking the time to get it right now will ensure you have the coverage you need, without unnecessary penalties down the road.



Wrong Way Preston

I’m directionally dysfunctional. I need someone to hold my hand and whisper, “Turn left, dummy.” — *Yours Truly*

Set your bottom dollar you didn’t know that July was originally called Quintilis. Consider April, May, June, and Quintilis. Nope, doesn’t have a ring to it. It was renamed July by the Romans to honor their ruler, Julius Caesar, who died in 46 B.C. Fast-forward to July 2026, when our nation will celebrate its semiquincentennial; that’s a mouthful if ever there was one. The term refers to the upcoming 250th anniversary of the signing of America’s Declaration of Independence which occurred on July 4, 1776. A nonpartisan commission to plan for this summer’s momentous event was formed ten years ago and we will see the results of their ideas this summer with various celebrations across America.

What else is going on this month, you ask? July 15 is National Give Something Away Day and this would be a good day to organize, toss, purge, and generally start getting rid of clutter that we all accumulate over days, months, and years. I did that big time when we moved from a 3-story home to a 2-bedroom condo, then again, when I moved to a different condo in October last

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I have had knee arthritis. My doctor is suggesting a genicular nerve block. Is this a good idea? Will it fix the problem? — *P.O.V.*

ANSWER: Chronic knee pain from osteoarthritis is a common problem in middle-aged and older adults. Before a person receives treatment, the diagnosis should be confirmed by an X-ray. First-line treatments are exercise and anti-inflammatory drugs, like naproxen (orally) or diclofenac (topically).

When first-line treatments are ineffective, there are other options. Knee injections with steroids have long been used, but recent studies cast doubt on their effectiveness and raise concern for damage to the knee cartilage. Hyaluronic acid and plasma-rich platelet injections have been shown in recent trials to only be slightly better than saline injections, and they are much more expensive. Duloxetine, an antidepressant that has pain-relieving properties, is effective for some people but not for everyone.

Before considering knee-replacement surgery, a nerve block or ablation of the nerves that carry pain information (there are three genicular nerves) can be attempted when an expert is available. There is significant pain relief from this procedure, although the benefit is greatest within a few weeks and generally lessens after three to four months. About half of the people who got the procedure report being "much improved" or "very much improved" afterward. It's generally safe with a low risk of side effects, and it can be repeated.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Q: My grandmother had a lamp that sat on her TV set in 1959, possibly earlier. It is clear Lucite with two swans facing each other and flowers around them. The base is wood. It is lit with two Christmas tree bulbs. There is an obvious error — the swans are pink like flamingos instead of white or black. Overall, it is 11 1/2 inches tall, 12 1/2 inches wide, and 3 1/2 inches deep. Can you give me any information about it?

A: TV lamps were popular in the 1950s. There was a belief that having a dim, indirect light on while watching television prevented eye strain. Because they did not need to cast a lot of light, TV lamps were usually made in decorative styles. The most popular were ceramic figures; many midcentury pottery and lamp companies made them. Many companies made Lucite lamps like your grandmother's. Bases were made of various materials, including wood, iron, and plastic. Lucite was first made in the 1930s and was used for furniture and decorative arts after World War II. Some Lucite pieces had figures carved, painted, or embedded into the clear plastic, like your grandmother's lamp. Birds, fish, and scattered flowers were favorite subjects; they appeared to float. We have seen ceramic TV lamps with swans in fanciful colors like pink, green, or blue. Lamps like yours sell for about \$75.

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Lucky Predictions for July 2026

ARIES: *March 21 to April 19*

1st thru 6th...
Good stuff abounds 1st & 6th!
7th thru 12th...
GREEN brings it 8th & 11th!
13th thru 18th...
Bet on RED 14th-15th!
19th thru 24th...
Journey to riches the 24th!
25th thru 31st...
Bets are ON 29th-30th!

TAURUS: *April 20 to May 20*

1st thru 6th...
BLUE buys the pot 4th-5th!
7th thru 12th...
All the right moves 8th-9th!
13th thru 18th...
Progressively better the 17th
19th thru 24th...
Best *not* to
25th thru 31st...
Serious win the 27th!

GEMINI: *May 21 to June 21*

1st thru 6th...
Hop on board 3rd & 6th!
7th thru 12th...
Stay in da game 10th-11th!
13th thru 18th...
Let it happen the 15th!
19th thru 24th...
Solid returns 19th-20th!
25th thru 31st...
Worth your time 29th-30th!

CANCER: *June 22 to July 22*

1st thru 6th...
A born winner the 4th
7th thru 12th...
GREEN delivers 8th-9th!
13th thru 18th...
Dang lucky the 17th!
19th thru 24th...
Multiple chances 21st-22nd!
25th thru 31st...
Totally wait 'til the 31st!

LEO: *July 23 to Aug. 22*

1st thru 6th...
Worth the wait the 6th!
7th thru 12th...
Wind hits your sails 10th-11th!
13th thru 18th...
All in late the 14th!
19th thru 24th...
Magically yours 19th & 24th!
25th thru 31st...
Relax & enjoy your spoils

VIRGO: *Aug. 23 to Sept. 22*

1st thru 6th...
Disastrous—don't try
7th thru 12th...
Let it happen the 8th!
13th thru 18th...
An IN with luck 13th & 17th!
19th thru 24th...
Early wins the 22nd!
25th thru 31st...
Make it so the 27th!

LIBRA: *Sept. 23 to Oct. 23*

1st thru 6th...
Start of something great 1st-2nd!
7th thru 12th...
Get real & win 10th-11th!
13th thru 18th...
Stir it up on RED 14th-15th!
19th thru 24th...
Sure wins 19th & 24th!
25th thru 31st...
Decent progress the 29th

SCORPIO: *Oct. 24 to Nov. 21*

1st thru 6th...
Play frugally 4th-5th
7th thru 12th...
Nada 'til late the 12th!
13th thru 18th...
Dive into \$\$ the 17th
19th thru 24th...
Great indications 22nd!
25th thru 31st...
You'll be ahead the 27th!

SAGITTARIUS: *Nov. 22 to Dec. 21*

1st thru 6th...
You make the deals 1st & 6th!
7th thru 12th...
Got it figured out 7th-8th!
13th thru 18th...
Extra wins 14th-15th!
19th thru 24th...
Clear path to \$\$ 19th!
25th thru 31st...
Chances pay off 29th-30th!

CAPRICORN: *Dec. 22 to Jan. 19*

1st thru 6th...
Focus on \$\$ the 5th
7th thru 12th...
Goin' your way 8th-9th!
13th thru 18th...
Works like a charm 17th!
19th thru 24th...
GREEN summons \$\$ 22nd
25th thru 31st...
Fine chances 27th & 31st!

AQUARIUS: *Jan. 20 to Feb. 18*

1st thru 6th...
Stellar luck the 6th!
7th thru 12th...
Fortune fine-tuned 10th-11th!
13th thru 18th...
Step aside
19th thru 24th...
Pull out all the stops 24th!
25th thru 31st...
Dazzling wins the 29th!

PISCES: *Feb. 19 to March 20*

1st thru 6th...
Nothing to see here
7th thru 12th...
Exceptional chances the 9th!
13th thru 18th...
Unstoppable the 17th!
19th thru 24th...
Hidden treasure the 22nd!
25th thru 31st...
Last ditch effort pays 27th!

Color references: lucky objects, blotters, cards, machines, the clothing/jewels you wear, or a dominant color in the room.

PREDICTORS
LUCKY CARD FOR JULY 2026

15	16	39	46	62
9	17	45	59	75
13	27	★	56	61
8	24	33	48	73
1	30	41	50	67

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS

JULY 2026

2nd	Made in America Day
4th	Independence Day
6th	National Fried Chicken Day
7th	Last Quarter Moon ☾
7th	Chocolate Day
14th	New Moon 🌑
14th	National Daiquiri Day
20th	Space Exploration Day
21st	First Quarter Moon ☽
25th	National Chili Dog Day
26th	Parents' Day
29th	Full Moon 🌕



by Frederick Woodruff
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Horoscopes for July 2026

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): Rallying your usual get-up-and-go might be difficult this month. If doubts have taken root, you need to do some proactive weeding, and push yourself now because no one else is going to do it for you.
Lucky Days: 14 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 10 - 38

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): The new Moon on the 14th allows you to slip out of a complex predicament at home, but only if you let go of control. Clinging to what has extended past its 'sell-by date' will only complicate things for you later this year.
Lucky Days: 2 - 9
Lucky Numbers: 45 - 57

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): Avoid sticking your foot in your mouth by doing the proverbial "count to ten" before offering your opinion. You're feeling particularly energized this month, but skillful means are required when you're negotiating for what you want.
Lucky Days: 8 - 17
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 22

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): The new Moon on the 14th finds you studying up on some of your favorite topics and pastimes. You're feeling sentimental this month. Move forward by reaching out to the folks you're feeling nostalgic about; they'd love to hear from you.
Lucky Days: 8 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 13 - 53

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): You have a reputation for being regal and downright queenly. But you're not pretentious. The finer things in life are a sign of quality, not showboating. With Jupiter in your sign now, you're able to celebrate this part of your nature freely. Hold your head up.
Lucky Days: 6 - 14
Lucky Numbers: 33 - 35

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Remain 2. Random 3. Pseudo 4. Ethics
Today's Word: OPINION

JUMBLES: KAYAK CABLE CEMENT GROGGY

Answer: The railroad hired a new CEO to help get its business—
BACK ON TRACK

HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Design on lampshade is different. 3. Club is shorter. 4. Curtain is shorter. 5. Doorway is wider. 6. Streaks on windowpane are reversed.

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: There are three things you can do in a base-ball game. You can win, or you can lose, or it can rain. — Casey Stengel

BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 25 mins.

SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

MAGICMAZE ANSWERS

THINGS WE MELT

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): Venus in your sign now brings out a more experimental part of your romantic nature. As regulated as you can be about your love life, you long for someone to surprise you with their spontaneity. Partnered or not, give in to the urge to try something risky for the fun of it.
Lucky Days: 6 - 16
Lucky Numbers: 55 - 56

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): The universe requires you ground yourself now and start changing some of your wonderful ideas into realities. To accomplish this, you'll need to stop second-guessing yourself and take a stand on what's most important in your life.
Lucky Days: 9 - 10
Lucky Numbers: 33 - 58

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): The new Moon on the 14th brings you some sweet relief in the form of support from others. If the going's been rough lately, it might be because you're trying to do too much on your own. Accept the generous gestures from others now.
Lucky Days: 17 - 21
Lucky Numbers: 19 - 43

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): You prefer thinking big and making big gestures, especially when it comes to showing others the grand sides of your nature. But this month requires that you tone things down and pay attention to small details and the fine print.
Lucky Days: 4 - 25
Lucky Numbers: 5 - 35

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 20): You can take your mind off your problems by helping people in your circle who may need assistance. Consider these words of wisdom from Muhammad Ali: "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."
Lucky Days: 11 - 25
Lucky Numbers: 7 - 42

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): The new Moon on the 14th delivers a much-needed solution to a financial pinch you're struggling with. But this requires that you fire up your futuristic imagination and think way outside the box for your solution. Old solutions won't work now.
Lucky Days: 19 - 26
Lucky Numbers: 44 - 54

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): Do you ever feel like you're the star in a movie that involves your family and close circle of friends? Don't laugh. When you hit the right groove, you're able to display levels of showmanship that are both entertaining and educational. Take a bow!
Lucky Days: 3 - 7
Lucky Numbers: 8 - 39

BINGO HALL		ADDRESS & PHONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
ARMENIAN CENTER IN MONTEBELLO	410 Washington Bl., Montebello	DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm	DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm	DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm					DO 12:00pm ST 2:00pm
BOSCO TECH BINGO	1151 San Gabriel Blvd., Rosemead								DO: 11:00am EB: 12:30pm ST: 1:00pm
HOUSE BINGO LAX	685 S. La Brea Ave., Inglewood	DO 4:00pm EB 6:00pm ST 6:30pm			DO 4:00pm EB 6:00pm ST 6:30pm	DO 4:00pm EB 6:00pm ST 6:30pm	DO 4:00pm EB 6:00pm ST 6:30pm	DO 4:00pm EB 6:00pm ST 6:30pm	DO 4:00pm EB 6:00pm ST 6:30pm
ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL	9647 Beach St., Bellflower						DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm		
ST. DOMINIC SAVIO BINGO	13400 Bellflower Blvd. (562) 920-7796					DO 4:00pm WU: 6:00pm			
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ST. JOHN BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL	13640 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower (562) 920-1734							DO 3:00pm ST 5:00pm	
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BINGO HALL		ADDRESS & PHONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2580 W. Orange, Anaheim (949) 672-8306					DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm			
SANTA ANA ELKS	1751 S. Elk Lane, Santa Ana	DO 4:00pm EB 6:15pm ST 7:00pm							
SDA BINGO	1661 S Raymond Ave Suite 200, Anaheim (714) 872-7667								DO 3:00pm ST 5:00pm

San Bernardino/Riverside Program Listing

BINGO HALL	ADDRESS & PHONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
CASINO MORONGO	49500 Seminole Dr., Cabazon (951) 755-5500			DO 3:00pm 1st Game 6:00pm	DO 3:00pm 1st Game 6:00pm	DO 3:00pm 1st Game 6:00pm	DO 3:00pm 1st Game 6:00pm	DO 11:00am 1st Game 2:00pm

Legend

- EB = EARLY BIRDS
- ST = STARTS
- WU = WARM UPS

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Nevada Happenings

New Smashburger Eateries

NADC Burger ("Not a Damn Chance") showed up in Vegas last summer in a popup location at Resorts World. Apparently, the run was so successful that the Austin-based chain, which opened in 2022 and now has locations in six other states, wanted to stick around. The new permanent location opened in May at 124 S. Sixth Street, a block off Las Vegas Blvd. at East Carson. It's open till midnight. And Redhead Burger also opened in May at the Grand Canal Shoppes. The smashie shop, founded in 2019 in Miami Beach by two redheaded brothers and their redheaded father, has two locations in South Florida; the one at the Grand Canal Shoppes is its first outside the Sunshine State. It's open until 2 a.m.

Boomer's Opens at Silver Sevens

Boomer's Sportsbook opened its 12th location at Silver Sevens on June 1. Silver Sevens is the biggest casino and closest to the Strip for Boomer's. SS will boast seven betting kiosks. It's been a rapid rise for the independent sports book chain since it launched less than a year ago (August). The Nevada Gaming Control Board held an emergency meeting to recommend approval of the SS application, which the Gaming Commission seconded an hour later. The regulators like Boomer's and its founder/CEO Joe Asher, deeming an independent sports book beneficial to the state and sports bettors (they're right). At press time Gaming Control had five more active Boomer's applications pending; they're all expected to be approved before football season begins.

Motorcycle Speeds Thru Casino

Heard about Nitro Circus? If not, it's a global sports entertainment brand featuring world-class action-sports athletes, daredevils, and stunt performers. Founded in 2003 by motocross superstar Travis Pastrana, it has grown into stadium tours, TV shows, and competitions. In a publicity stunt to advertise the Nitro Circus 2.0 Tour, coming to Las Vegas in August, Travis Pastrana himself surprised casino-goers at Boulder Station by roaring around the casino floor on a motorcycle.

Plaza Summer Fireworks Return

The Plaza has brought back its Welcome to the Weekend Summer Friday Fireworks Shows for the third consecutive year. It launched on June 5th at 9:30 p.m. and will continue through Sept. 4 (depending on weather conditions). Main Street in front of the hotel will be closed to traffic a little before, during, and a little after the shows to make them more pedestrian friendly. The party for Plaza guests starts at 7 p.m. at the rooftop pool, whence the fireworks are launched. Various weekend packages are available throughout the summer.

Wizard of Oz Nears Three Million Tickets

In its first-quarter earnings call, Sphere Entertainment's CEO announced that the Wizard of Oz has sold "almost three million tickets," generating \$370 million in ticket sales alone. If you recall, the AI-updated movie opened last August 28, so it's only a little more than eight months into its run, which Sphere said in the earnings call will be "a strong performer through 2026 and beyond." A new film, extreme-sports documentary *From the Edge*, will enter the arena's movie rotation "later this year."

THE MIDDLETONS

By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers



BROOM-HILDA

By Russell Myers



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T ₁	R ₁	A ₁	J ₈	E ₁	C ₃	T ₁	RACK 3 = <u>67</u>
C ₃	H ₄	I ₁	L ₁	L ₁	A ₁	X ₈	RACK 4 = <u>107</u>
C ₃	A ₁	T ₁	S ₁	U ₁	I ₁	T ₁	RACK 5 = <u>59</u>
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DEAR AUNT BINGO

by Bonnie Mitchell

Making Noise to Improve Odds?

Dear Aunt Bingo,
 I feel very strongly that there are players who come to Bingo and are purposely noisy and disruptive so that they will throw other players off their game and improve their own odds. As an older player, I need to listen and concentrate to play Bingo. Chatting and laughing and bustling about are very distracting to me and it messes up my play. To be fair to everyone, there should be more respect and better behavior by everyone who comes into a hall. If they can't be respectful, they should be shown the door! —*JG, Washington*

Dear JG,
 While I do not believe people purposely make noise to distract opponents and boost their odds of winning, I do suspect that when people get a little too loud and

then begin to notice the dirty looks they are receiving from Bingo players sitting nearby, they may increase the noise level just to prove that they will not be silenced by strangers.

There is no reason why a Bingo hall should be as silent as a tomb. But there's also no reason players can't show each other common courtesy and respect.

When people sitting near me are getting too loud, I simply smile at them and ask if they could keep the noise down a little. If they become defiant, I wait for a break and ask one of the workers or the manager to say something. I can't deny it doesn't cause tension, but it works almost every time. —*Aunt Bingo*

Dear Aunt Bingo,
 I recently retired and have been spending the last few months finding ways to entertain myself now that I have all this free time. One of the things I just started doing is going to Bingo. That's where I found your newspaper and your column. I wanted to write you to say that I think Bingo is really fun—although a lot more complicated than I ever would have imagined. Do you think I'll ever get the hang of it? —*Lydia C., Massachusetts*

Dear Lydia,
 Hang in there, girl! Everyone was a beginner at one time or another. As long as it remains fun for you, I promise it will get easier. Make a few Bingo friends where you play and ask them to show you the ropes. In no time you'll be daubing like a true champion! —*Aunt Bingo*

Write to Aunt Bingo c/o the Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or e-mail her through her editor at tara@bingobugle.com.

THE POD REPORT

By Dana Block

New and Noteworthy

There's never a dearth of new podcasts being launched, and these that debuted this spring just might be your new addiction:

Case by Case — This brand-new podcast from CBS and the trusted team behind the true-crime reporting series *48 Hours* brings you the biggest stories as they're unfolding. Rotating hosts Anne-Marie Green, Erin Moriarty, Natalie Morales, and Peter Van Sant "cut through the noise and focus on the week's most consequential developments inside and outside the courtroom." The first episode "Deadly Vacations" asks: Why do so many dream excursions turn into true-crime headlines? Morales details the recent case of an anesthesiologist who physically attacked his wife while hiking in Hawaii. Find out the verdict and what's next for the defendant. (48HoursPodcasts.com)

Wellness Check with Ashly Burch — Ashly Burch, who's best known as Rachel on the hilarious AppleTV+ series *Mythic Quest*, has launched a new podcast with funny, unfiltered interviews about her guests' mental health journeys. In the first episode, Beth May of the popular *Dungeons & Daddies* podcast discusses being diagnosed with bipolar disorder and how she's found relief with electroconvulsive therapy as well as *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* reruns. Other guests include Matt Mercer (*Critical Role*), who discusses his struggles with body dysmorphia. Meanwhile, AJ LoCascio (*X-Men '97*) talks anxiety, stage fright, and toxic masculinity. (IHYH.org)

Getting Free — In this limited series, we hear from five women of Jewish faith who were denied divorces despite being in abusive marriages. When a husband refuses to grant a divorce, the wife essentially becomes an agunah, aka a "chained woman," and suffers from financial hardship, custody threats, intimidation, isolation, and even continued violence. Hosted by Rabbinit Leah Sarna and produced by the International Beit Din, this important series helps raise awareness of this injustice, allowing these women to tell their stories firsthand because "change begins with listening." (GettingFree.Podbean.com)

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Boggle BrainBusters
Answers:
 ROSE IRIS LILY
 DAISY TULIP
 ORCHID VIOLET

CryptoQuip
 answer
 When country singing celebrity Roy attended black-tie affairs, did he wear Acuff-links?

Southern California Woman Wins Over \$1.2 Million Jackpot at Sycuan Casino Resort

EL CAJON, Calif. — June 2, 2025 — Cue the drums and let the celebration begin because this win delivered a life changing jackpot in San Diego. A lucky Club Sycuan player won over a million dollars on a dragon-themed slot machine at Sycuan Casino Resort on Sunday, May 31.

During a visit over the weekend, Santa Barbara resident Michelle K. turned an \$8 bet into a \$1,278,830.66 jackpot on the slot machine Dancing Drums Dragon by Light & Wonder.

"I still can't believe I won but I deserve this!" Michelle K said.

The winning moment sparked an immediate celebration for both the guest and the casino floor. As part of the celebration, Sycuan Casino Resort congratulated the winner and offered her a complimentary stay and massage at Spa Ritual, helping her relax after the win.

"We extend our sincere congratulations to our guest on her life-changing jackpot win," Rob Cinelli, General Manager of Sycuan Casino Resort said. "It's truly special to see our guests experience moments like this where a single spin can change someone's life in an instant."

This seven-figure win marks a milestone at Sycuan Casino Resort. Following the six-figure jackpot wins in January and February, this win officially titled itself as the casino's biggest jackpot of the year so far. In total, Sycuan has approximately awarded \$68 million in jackpots this year.

For more information about Sycuan Casino Resort, please visit www.sycuan.com or follow them on Instagram @Sycuan_CasinoResort, X @SycuanCasino or Facebook @SycuanCasinoResort.

The Garden Bug

Dogwood trees
 These lovely trees thrive in "sun-dappled" environments that enjoy protection from hours of direct sun. They like being next to tall buildings or taller trees. The most crucial factor when planting dogwoods is water access; they have shallow roots, and even with shade these root systems will dry quickly. If the leaves are light-green, prickly, or crispy, more water is needed. —*Brenda Weaver*
 Source: www.thetreecenter.com/flowering-trees/dogwood-trees

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 and \$500
 1 Double Action
**All Strips
 Pay \$500**

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