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Fun Fact

Reese's Peanut Butter Cups are the **best-selling candy** in the U.S., with \$2.84 billion in sales, and stocked in 97% of grocery stores and 89% of convenience chain stores. Skittles follow with \$1.91 billion in sales, as do Hershey's Milk Chocolate Bars with \$1.76 billion. M&Ms, Starburst, Snickers, and Twizzlers also have high sales. **Source: www.alibaba.com**

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* "To clean burned-on bits from your cast iron skillet, scrub with a plastic scrubbie and salt as an abrasive. Dry immediately and rub with oil to keep moist." — *R.T. in Ohio*

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- Untold: Chess Mates* (Documentary) — Netflix
- The Testaments* (Season 1) — Hulu
- The Boys* (Season 5) — Prime Video
- Big Mistakes* (Season 1) — Netflix
- The Miniature Wife* (TV-MA) — Peacock
- Funny AF with Kevin Hart* (Season 1) — Netflix
- Malcolm in the Middle: Life's Still Unfair* (Season 1) — Hulu
- Temptation Island* (Season 10) — Netflix
- Outcome* (R) — Apple TV
- Euphoria* (Season 3) — HBO Max

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Test Your Knowledge

1. TELEVISION: What is Ron Swanson's favorite food group in the sitcom *Parks and Recreation*?
2. GAMES: In Scrabble, how many tiles does each player get to start?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Dubai is in which Middle Eastern country?
4. MOVIES: What is Neo's real name in *The Matrix*?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was born with the name Leslie Lynch King Jr.?
6. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century English novel introduces the character Mr. Rochester?
7. FOOD & DRINK: Cornelius Rooster is the mascot of which cereal brand?
8. SCIENCE: What is the process called when water evaporates from plants?
9. CHEMISTRY: What is the most abundant metal in Earth's crust?
10. ANATOMY: How many vertebrae are in the human spine?

ANSWERS

1. Meat.
2. Seven.
3. United Arab Emirates.
4. Thomas Anderson.
5. Gerald Ford
6. *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte.
7. Kellogg's Corn Flakes.
8. Transpiration.
9. Aluminum.
10. 33.

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"Very impressive. I see in business school you majored in 'greed.'"

Veterans Post



Protecting Your Benefits

On a recent National Slam the Scam Day for 2026, the VA stepped up, along with other federal agencies, with an array of information to keep veterans safe from scams and fraud. Thieves don't just work one day per year, however. We need to stay vigilant all year long to protect our benefits and personal information from getting to the scammers.

Why do they want us? Because we have income and benefits.

How do they approach us? Phone calls, emails, text messages, social media, phishing, impersonation, fake charities — you name it, the crooks have thought of it as a way to get to us.

If you're approached, whether on the phone or in email, the more urgent the problem, the more likely it's a scam. A scammer might pretend to be from the VA and try to claim there's something wrong with your benefits — and that you need to hand over your personal information so they can "fix" the problem. They might want your bank account access info or password, your Social Security number, your date of birth. The answer is no.

Don't do a direct deposit into another person's account — even if it's a relative! If you need a fiduciary situation (where someone helps you with finances), have that person go through the accreditation process and be authorized to assist you. You're protected that way.

If you're told you need to hand over a fee to get claims assistance from the VA or to apply for increased benefits, it's fraud.

Invest in a shredder and use it to cut up not only VA documents with personal information on them, but any documents, even when you put out the trash.

If someone calls and claims to be from the VA and asks you to pay for something with a gift card or bitcoin, feel free to laugh as you hang up the phone. It's an impostor. Report it to the VA at 800-827-1000.

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Squash Soufflé

- 2 lbs. fresh yellow squash, peeled and sliced thin
- 2 medium onions, sliced thin
- ½ stick butter
- 2 egg yolks, beaten
- 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
- ¼ cup cracker crumbs
- ½ cup Pet Milk
- ¼ cup cracker crumbs (save for topping)
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- pinch of sugar
- paprika

Cook the squash in water until tender. Drain. Cream thoroughly; add egg yolks, cracker crumbs, Pet Milk, salt, pepper and sugar. Mix well. Fold in beaten egg whites and fill an appropriate-sized glass or Pyrex baking dish. Top with additional cracker crumbs. Sprinkle with paprika. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Bake for 20 minutes.

Dear Ask Annie,

My husband planted squash for the first time this spring. I now have lots of yellow squash on the way. What can I do with it?
Jordanna from Raleigh, NC

Dear Jordanna,

One of my favorite squash recipes is my Squash Soufflé. I also grow yellow squash. This soufflé is very good. —Annie

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NEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

* CBS News recently featured a story on Bingo, praising the game for its social atmosphere, support for charities and its value in comparison to other entertainment options. Of course, adding to the fun of Bingo they said was the prospect of winning money, but any of us could have told them that! You can watch the piece online at [cbsnews.com/that's-a-bingo/](https://www.cbsnews.com/that's-a-bingo/)

*Bingo made the news again, with an installment of *Florida Man Adventures* in which the host, Adam Pittman, visits a local VFW Post 2811. Watch the video online at <https://www.wcjb.com/2026/04/16/florida-man-visits-vfw-post-2811-night-bingo/>

* The FBI added an operator of an illegal \$34 million bingo operation to its most wanted list following a \$10.7 million charity fraud case. The FBI is searching for Michael Lizaso Marasigan, who fled after being convicted in May 2025 of a \$34 million charity bingo fraud in Guam. Marasigan

ran Hafa Adai Bingo, promising funds for Shriners Hospital children's transport, but laundered \$10.7M for personal use. He is a dual U.S.-Philippines citizen and was added to the Most Wanted list after violating pretrial release.

* Virginia lawmakers recently advanced bills focused on gaming oversight while blocking broader iGaming expansions that could have impacted local bingo regulations.

* Washington State: Legislation is being reviewed to increase the revenue threshold for non-licensed, non-profit bingo/raffles.

*Nebraska: Lawmakers are considering the legalization of music bingo for nonprofit fundraising, raising the maximum price per card and max payouts.

*Washington D.C.: Mayor Bowser is pushing to legalize bingo, poker, and blackjack to boost local tourism and tax revenue.

* Rhode Island: Proposed legislation aims to expand bingo to aid revenues at casinos.

Fun Fact

Irving Amen's "Piazza San Marco" (1954)

Woodcuts are the oldest form of printmaking. The artist carves a design into a wooden block, and the raised areas that remain are inked and pressed against paper. The parts that remain blank in the final print are where the wood was cut away.

Source: www.metmuseum.org

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top 10 movies

1. **Project Hail Mary** (PG-13) Ryan Gosling, Sandra Hüller
2. **Hoppers** (PG) Piper Curda, Bobby Moynihan
3. **They Will Kill You** (R) Zazie Beetz, Myha'la
4. **Reminders of Him** (PG-13) Maika Monroe, Tyriq Withers
5. **Dhurandhar The Revenge** (NR) Ranveer Singh, Akshaye Khanna
6. **Ready or Not 2: Here I Come** (R) Samara Weaving, Kathryn Newton
7. **Scream 7** (R) Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox
8. **GOAT** (PG) Caleb McLaughlin, Gabrielle Union
9. **Undertone** (R) Nina Kiri, Adam DiMarco
10. **Forbidden Fruits** (R) Lili Reinhart, Jordan Duarte

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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: R equals T

KR ROY GMHHTLXL' LKHMMC,
MCY MD ROY GMLR FMFTHKE
BMBXRKNHL ROYU MDDYE NL
K ETLRU LCKNH.

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PICKS OF THE MONTH

Send Help (R) — Director Sam Raimi, who has quite the range with films like the *Spider-Man* and *Evil Dead* trilogies, went back to horror for this new survival thriller starring Rachel McAdams (*Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.*) and Dylan O'Brien (*Anniversary*). McAdams plays a corporate strategist named Linda, who gets passed over for a promotion by her boss Bradley (O'Brien) for his fraternity brother. After attempting to get him to change his mind, Linda is offered a seat on his plane to Bangkok for a business trip. However, their plane crashes in the Gulf of Thailand during a storm, and the only survivors are her and Bradley. With their dynamic now waned up on its head, Bradley is forced to rely on Linda's insane survival skills to get them off the island. (Apple TV+)

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O: 62 65 69 72 73



To mark nation's 250th anniversary, Plaza Hotel & Casino to hold special \$250,000 Super Bingo event, July 3-5, with largest prize purse in event history

LAS VEGAS (May 6, 2026) – Home to downtown Las Vegas' only bingo room, the Plaza Hotel & Casino will hold a special \$250,000 Super Bingo event to celebrate the country's 250th anniversary, July 3-5. This special Super Bingo will offer the largest prize purse ever for the event that happens monthly at the Plaza.

"The Plaza will be celebrating its 55th anniversary and the 250th anniversary of our great country in July, so it is only fitting that we make our Super Bingo event that month our biggest and best ever," said Jonathan Jossel, CEO of the Plaza Hotel & Casino. "Our Super Bingo events have always drawn a packed crowd to our convention space, and we anticipate the July event to sell out quickly."

Super Bingo draws nearly 1,000 people from across the country and as far away as Hawaii and Canada for the opportunity to win big playing fun-filled games of bingo over multiple days while socializing with like-minded bingo players.

For the special July event, bingo-only registration is \$250 per person with game play on Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5. Players can also add an exclusive five-night hotel package for \$200 per person, with no resort fee, for check-in on Thursday, July 2 and check out on Monday, July 6. Players who stay for the long weekend will also get to enjoy the holiday festivities at the Plaza, including two nights of live fireworks.

Registration for \$250,000 Super Bingo in July and the hotel package is available online at <https://www.plazahotelcasino.com/bingo/250-years-250000-super-bingo-2/>.

Bingo at the Plaza Hotel & Casino All Super Bingo players receive one 6-on paper pack for both days, two daubers, free drinks via an open bar at all sessions, all American boxed lunches both days, and \$10 in free slot play after the first day's session. For the July event, the Plaza will also provide an ice cream float bar, holiday themed doughnuts from Pinkbox Doughnuts, and a photo booth where players can pose and post about the games and the fun they are having.

For July's \$250,000 Super Bingo, 20 games will pay \$1,999 each, with a super coverall of \$60,000, second place of \$15,000, and third place of \$10,020 each day. All prizes will be paid in cash. Players must be present to win.

Besides the monthly Super Bingo events, the Plaza's Bingo room offers six daily bingo sessions at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. and is located two floors above the main casino. By parking on the third floor of the Plaza's self-parking garage, guests have convenient and direct access to the Plaza's bingo room.

The Moment (R) — This mockumentary film is a satire of British pop artist Charli XCX's life. The version of Charli XCX in this film is very similar to the one we know, who smashed the charts during summer 2024 with her *Brat* album, but viewers get a behind-the-scenes look at the chaotic tail end of her album cycle. After getting hit with shady brand deals and being forced to work with an objectifying and pretentious filmmaker named Johannes (Alexander Skarsgard), Charli is at her wit's end with a project that she now considers "cringe" but must continue to promote. Other celebrities that make cameos in the mockumentary include Kylie Jenner (*The Kardashians*), Julia Fox (*Him*) and Rachel Sennott (*I Love L.A.*). (YouTube)

Bait (TV-MA) — This thriller/drama/comedy series not only stars Riz Ahmed (*The Phoenician Scheme*), but it was written by him as well. Ahmed plays Shah Latif, an up-and-coming actor in London who lands his big break as the new James Bond. Now thrust immediately into the spotlight, Shah struggles with the difficult disadvantages of fame, like paparazzi and internet comments, which send him into a bit of an existential crisis. The series feels like a character study on what it's like to suddenly wake up as a celebrity in modern times. All six episodes are out now to stream. (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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QUESTIONS

1. Who wrote and released "Piano Man"?
2. Which artist wrote and released "Dirty Blvd"?
3. What was "Smoke on the Water" about?
4. Which artist released "Talk to Me"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I've been in love so many times, Thought I knew the score, But now you've treated me so wrong, I can't take anymore."

ANSWERS

1. Billy Joel, in 1973. Joel has said that the song was written about his time as a lounge piano player in Los Angeles.
2. Lou Reed, in 1989. The song topped Billboard's Modern Rock Tracks for four weeks.
3. Deep Purple was in Switzerland at the Montreux Casino to do some recording when the casino caught fire. Detractors say the song's famous opening riff was taken from Beethoven's 5th played backward. Others note, however, that it seems to be taken directly from a Bossa Nova song called "Maria Quiet." You decide.
4. Stevie Nicks, in 1985.
5. "I'll Never Fall in Love Again," by Lonnie Donegan, in 1962. Donegan's son auditioned for *The Voice UK* and performed a duet of the song with Tom Jones in 2019.

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Edgewater Casino Resort's \$200,000 River Bingo Bash Returns to The Edge Pavilion for Third Year



LAUGHLIN, Nev. – May 8, 2025 – Golden Entertainment's premier Laughlin properties, Aquarius Casino Resort and Edgewater Casino Resort, celebrated a thrilling April by awarding a combined total of \$6,736,837 in jackpots on various casino games. Aquarius, located at 1900 S. Casino Dr., paid out a total of \$5,132,438 while Edgewater, at 2020 S. Casino Dr., awarded \$1,567,071 in jackpot winnings. Winners in the Bingo Room at Edgewater contributed an impressive \$37,327 to the month's total.

Among the many players who struck it lucky, a few standout wins helped define the month. Leon B. of Rock Island, Illinois, took home \$33,532 playing a Werewolf Strike machine at Aquarius on Thursday, April 3. Jonathan C. of Bullhead City, Arizona, won \$19,044 playing Dragon Link at Edgewater on Friday, April 25. In the Bingo Room at Edgewater, Cristian C. of Tucson, Arizona, hit for \$3,999 playing Bingo Super Punch on Sunday, April 20. Players looking to increase their casino dividends are invited to sign up for True Rewards, Golden Entertainment's rewards program, to receive bonuses including increased point multipliers, prizes such as cash and free slot play, and gain eligibility in select tournaments and special events. For more information, visit the True Rewards center, check out the Aquarius website at www.AquariusCasinoResort.com, or the Edgewater website at www.Edgewater-Casino.com.

The two-day event will feature \$100,000 in cash prizes awarded each day, bringing together bingo enthusiasts for an elevated, fast-paced experience. The River Bingo Bash will be limited to 1,000 participants per day, with tickets for sale at \$200 per person. Each ticket will include a six-on pack, food and beverage offerings, two daubers and a commemorative River Bingo Bash T-shirt.

Event registration will be held at The Edge Pavilion from noon to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 21. Additional bingo packs and specials will be available to purchase during pre-registration and prior to gameplay. Bingo play will begin at 11 a.m. each day, kicking off with warm-up games awarding \$500 in cash prizes per winner before moving into main-game competition. Tickets will go on sale at 10 a.m. PDT on Friday, May 8 and will be available to purchase at Edgewater-Casino.Yapsody.com. Guests who register for the event will also have access to the All-In Weekend package, which will include a two-night stay at either Aquarius Casino Resort or Edgewater Casino Resort. Packages will be available for stays Friday, Nov. 20 through Saturday, Nov. 21, or Saturday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Nov. 22, with a third night included at no additional charge. The All-In Weekend package will be priced at \$222.78 at Aquarius and \$189.03 at Edgewater, with taxes and fees included.

For bingo enthusiasts, The Bingo Room at Edgewater hosts sessions daily at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. To learn more about the Bingo Room at Edgewater, as well as follow any jackpot updates, visit the website <https://edgewater-casino.com/casino/gaming/bingo-1>.

Hyak Motorsports Announces Sponsorship with Sycuan Casino Resort

Sycuan Casino Resort will serve as the Primary Sponsor for No. 47 Chevrolet at Inaugural San Diego Race



HARRISBURG, N.C. – May 13, 2026 – Hyak Motorsports is proud to announce San Diego's first Native American-owned casino, Sycuan Casino Resort, as the primary sponsor of the No. 47 Chevrolet. Competing in the inaugural NASCAR San Diego Weekend, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. will take the wheel for the team on Sunday, June 21.

This landmark event will take place on the streets surrounding Naval Base Coronado, bringing NASCAR to one of the most iconic military locations in the country during the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States.

"We're proud to partner with Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and participate in the inaugural NASCAR weekend in San Diego," said Chairman Cody Martinez. "Together we're bringing a Sycuan race car to the track, creating an exciting opportunity to connect with our team members, guests, racing fans and the San Diego community."

This partnership brings together two brands ready to make an impact during one of the most anticipated events on the NASCAR calendar. With Stenhouse, the No. 47 Sycuan Casino Resort Chevrolet will debut a bold look as the team competes in the San Diego NASCAR Cup Series.

"We're excited to welcome Sycuan Casino Resort to the Hyak Motorsports family for the inaugural San Diego race. Having a partner with such a strong connection to the San Diego community makes this weekend even more special, especially as the city celebrates the 250th anniversary of the United States," said Stenhouse. "Racing on Naval Base Coronado is going to be a unique experience for everyone, and I'm looking forward to representing Sycuan Casino Resort on and off the track in front of a great crowd."

As the official partner of Stenhouse, Sycuan Casino Resort brings a strong presence rooted in its history and connection to the region. Located in El Cajon, Sycuan Casino Resort is owned by the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation and has grown from a humble bingo hall into a premier entertainment and hospitality destination. With their spirit of giving back, Sycuan continues to support the growth of the community.

This partnership was brokered with the support of Meridian Sports, a full-service sports marketing, entertainment, and brand agency based in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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

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Canned Salmon: The Pantry Secret for Healthy, Budget-Friendly Meals

Here's a pantry staple I don't write about often enough: canned salmon. Fresh salmon is one of the healthiest foods you can eat. It's rich in protein and omega-3 fatty acids, and it's wonderfully versatile. The problem, of course, is that fresh salmon can also be expensive, seasonal and sometimes difficult to find, especially if you're trying to buy wild-caught fish instead of farmed.

That's where canned salmon shines. It delivers the same nutritional benefits as fresh salmon at a fraction of the cost, and it's always waiting in the pantry when you need it.

When shopping, take a moment to read the label. Health experts recommend choosing wild-caught Pacific salmon whenever possible. Salmon labeled "wild Alaskan" or "Pacific salmon" is harvested from well-managed fisheries and is a more sustainable choice.

You'll also notice two types of canned salmon on the shelf: boneless-skinless, and the traditional variety that includes skin and soft bones. If you buy salmon with skin and bones, there is one small drawback: namely, skin and bones. The boneless version is convenient but costs more. The version with bones is economical and just as nutritious.

The bones in canned salmon are pressure-cooked until they become soft and completely edible. In fact, they're an excellent source of calcium. Many people mash them right into the fish and never notice them. If the idea makes you hesitant, you can easily remove the larger pieces before using the salmon.

A clever trick I've used for years is adding a small handful of slivered almonds to recipes made with canned salmon. They add a pleasant texture and completely disguise any remaining bones.

Canned salmon is versatile. Use it in pasta, salads, chowders or sandwiches. In my house,

however, our favorite is salmon patties. Crisp on the outside and tender on the inside, they're quick to make and satisfying enough for dinner.

Serve them as burgers on buns, make smaller cakes for appetizers or enjoy them alongside a fresh green salad.

Simple Salmon Patties

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 30 minutes

- 1 teaspoon olive oil or avocado oil
- 1/4 cup green onions, sliced
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper, minced
- 1 (14.75-ounce) can pink salmon
- 1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon slivered almonds, optional
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest, optional
- 1 teaspoon seafood seasoning (such as Old Bay) or paprika
- olive oil or avocado oil for cooking

Warm 1 teaspoon oil in a skillet over medium-low heat, add the onions and pepper. Saute until just softened.

Meanwhile, place the salmon in a bowl and gently break it apart with a fork. Remove any large pieces of skin or bone if desired. Add breadcrumbs and almonds. Add the softened onion and pepper and stir to combine.

In a small mixing bowl, stir together the mayonnaise, eggs, Dijon mustard, lemon juice, lemon zest and seafood seasoning. Add the mayo mixture to the salmon and mix until well combined and the mixture holds together. If the mixture is too dry, add mayonnaise. If it's too wet, add breadcrumbs. Form the mixture into 8 patties and refrigerate for 15 minutes.

Heat a thin layer of oil in a skillet over medium heat. Cook the patties for about 4 to 5 minutes per side, until golden brown and heated through. Serve warm.

Leftover patties can be stored in the refrigerator for up to three days, or frozen for up to three months.

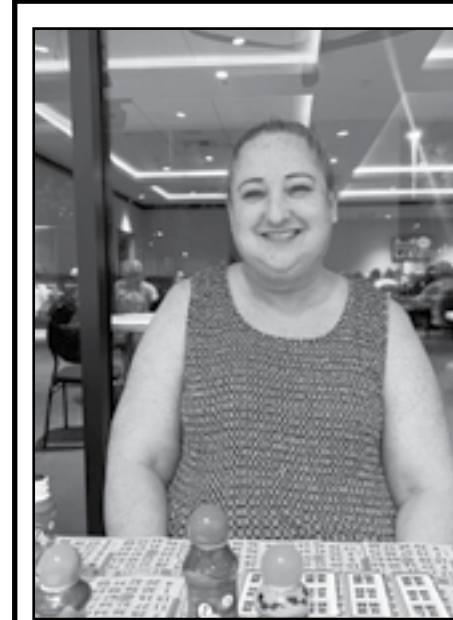
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Nelly J. was in the zone, as she focused on another bingo win at Montebello Armenian Center



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Martha swooped up \$100 at St. Bernard Catholic School

Morongo Gives Nearly \$450,000 to Non-Profit Organizations at 5th Annual Community Outreach Awards Luncheon

The Tribe provided grants to 111 groups serving others in the San Geronio Pass, the Coachella Valley, and communities across Riverside & San Bernardino counties.

MORONGO INDIAN RESERVATION — The Morongo Band of Mission Indians awarded nearly \$450,000 in grants to dozens of non-profit organizations serving local communities across Riverside and San Bernardino counties as part of the 5th Annual Morongo Community Outreach Awards Luncheon, held Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

The Morongo program focuses on groups that provide education, healthcare, or social services, preserve Native American culture, or support for military and military families. The 111 non-profit groups, which each received grants of up to \$5,000, provide a wide array of services across the San Geronio Pass, the Coachella Valley, and the cities of Riverside, San Bernardino, Redlands, Palm Springs, Palm Desert and elsewhere.

"This year's grant recipients represent the very best of our region as they work tirelessly every day to serve others, strengthen families, and improve lives," said Morongo Tribal Chairman Charles Martin. "Morongo is thrilled to support these nonprofits and honor the meaningful impact they make in communities throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties."

Launched in 2022, the Morongo program has awarded over \$1.7 million in grants to over 400 non-profit organizations with diverse missions and backgrounds.

"This \$5,000 grant is a true blessing that will help our foundation address the needs of local mothers and children experiencing homelessness in the Coachella Valley," said Kim Livreri, founder of The Butterfly Mission of Palm Desert. "Thanks to partners like Morongo, we are able to continue offering mentorship and support to prepare mothers in crisis for the workplace by providing clothing, counseling, and guidance."

Groups that received grants from Morongo ranged from across the Inland region, from the Friends of Banning Library and Pass Community Foundation in the San Geronio Pass to the Riverside Meals on Wheels and Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center in Riverside; to Power Speaks Louder in Moreno Valley, Arrowhead United Way in San Bernardino, Beloved Foundation based in Redlands, Shelter from the Storm in Palm Desert, and the Angel View Inc. of Cathedral City.

"Morongo's generosity opens doors that aren't always open to our participants — the chance to create, to express, and to grow in ways that go far beyond what others have told them is possible. These classes aren't just art. They're growth, they're joy, and they're a rare opportunity for adults with developmental disabilities across the Inland Empire to show the world what they're truly capable of. That kind of opportunity matters deeply, and we're so grateful for Morongo's continued support," said Susie Pittman, CEO of OPARC in Riverside.

"With Morongo's support, we will continue building a strong foundation for those we serve," said Nelletta Reed, a board member with the Native Youth Foundation of Escondido. "This grant will uplift Indigenous children through opportunities like our Native Nexus workshops, helping them achieve greater success, access more opportunities, and strengthen their cultural identities."

Over the past decade, the tribe has provided more than \$20 million to support local and national non-profit organizations that serve the San Geronio Pass and communities across the Inland Empire. Morongo's Community Outreach Awards Program aligns with the Tribe's ongoing philanthropic efforts.

For information about the 2027 Community Outreach Awards program, groups are encouraged to visit www.morongonation.org/donations/

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Casino Q&A

Q: I've seen slot players do strange things playing slot machines, for example, yelling at them! What do they think they're doing?
A: Humans have a tendency to anthropomorphize machines, which basically means to act like a machine is a person with emotions and intentions. That's why you may see people talking to a slot machine, and often not very nicely. Other slot players have certain rituals they perform in the belief they'll have influence over the machine. Here are a few of the most common:
(1) Stand, not sit, when playing;
(2) Play slots only in certain locations or time of day;
(3) Hold the handle or spin button down until the reels stop spinning;
(4) Rub lucky charm on the machine;
(5) Close their eyes when hitting the spin button.
There's no harm in such rituals. But remember, the slot is going to hit when the Random Number Generator tells it to.



Bingo John

Holy Daubers

Last month, we left Bingo John riding in the Gold Bingo Bus of Redemption with the esteemed Bingo preacher, Orchard Reece. They pulled into a Bingo hall in Dothan, Alabama, and Bingo John ran for the entrance.

Once I got inside the Bingo hall, I saw my picture posted on the wall like an old west "Wanted!" poster. I stopped to read it and saw that Sarah-Mae was on the hunt for me. She posted flyers in every Bingo hall from here to Atlanta. The notice was right next to the window, and my reflection in the glass caught my attention. I was a terrible sight. It was weeks since I'd shaved, and I looked like something dragged out of the woods. I marched inside the Bingo hall and headed right for the bathroom.

I went in the nearest stall so I could straighten out my hair in private. It was in knots and matted like old dog's fur. I didn't notice the bathroom's scent at first, but then it hit me like a bag of bricks. The restroom smelled as fresh as field flowers. I continued preening myself, and slowly it dawned on me that I was in the women's bathroom. No men's restroom smelled like that. I tried to jump up and get out, but it was too late. A woman came in and was standing at the sink. I could see her feet from inside the stall. Her toes were painted red, but they were chipped and ragged like she gnawed on her feet. They were big feet too, all scrunched into her shoes like swollen sausages.

I tried to be calm and continued cleaning myself. I took some toilet paper and wiped my face. Then, I watched in horror as a piece fell out of my hands. It drifted and landed right on the lady's swollen foot. I heard a gasp, and then she started screaming that someone threw some nasty piece of toilet paper on her foot. As I searched about and tried to figure a way out of my predicament, I heard Preacher Reece out in the Bingo hall trying to save people.

I took a deep breath and opened the stall door. The bathroom lady started screaming over and over, "A MAN IS IN THE BATHROOM!" I tried to calm her down, but she started hitting me with her hands. Then her eyes rolled back in her head. I reached up with my hands just as she passed out. As she fell, she hit her head on the side of the stall. She started bleeding a lot, so I grabbed some toilet paper to help slow the



blood. Nothing would slow it. Then, when I thought things couldn't get any worse, someone opened the bathroom door. It was another lady, and she turned as pale as a white sheet and started screaming. I let the bleeding woman's head down as gently as I could, but I knew things were getting out of control. I scurried past the two ladies to the exit door and slowly opened it. Outside, the Preacher had a Bingo player in his hands. He pressed a shiny gold dauber into the player's forehead. It left a gold circle, and the Preacher praised the Lord for the player's deliverance into the Bingo Kingdom of God.

While everyone was distracted with the Preacher, I ran outside. I'd just breathed a sigh of freedom, when off in the distance, police sirens started. The only place I saw to hide was in the Gold Bingo Redemption bus. I pried open the doors and hid behind a stack of Holy Gold Bingo Daubers. When the police showed up, everyone came out of the Bingo hall with the Preacher leading the way. I thought he was completely off his rocker, but the Bingo players followed him like the new Messiah.

The police questioned everybody. Then, an ambulance showed up and took the hurt lady away. Amazingly, they never searched the bus. The Preacher convinced the police that I ran off into the woods behind the Bingo hall. While they went to get the search dogs, the Preacher finished baptizing everyone.

It was quite a sight to see a bunch of Bingo players wandering around in the Southern heat with gold dauber marks on their foreheads. The sun reflected off the gold spots like miniature stars blooming out of their skin. Out in the parking lot it looked like a whole solar system of newly saved Bingo souls.

As the sun started to set, the Preacher got back on the bus and pulled the doors shut.

"I know you're back there. Might as well come on out."

I got out in the aisle where he could see me.

"You caused me a lot of trouble. I don't know where you came from, but the Lord has shown me that you need to see the light."

Then he came back and daubed my head with the gold dauber. I sat, stunned.

Light penetrated my vision. Next thing I know, we're traveling down the road with cicadas chirping in the humid dark air. —Next Month: Bingo John becomes a disciple.



The Feral Cat

This past Winter, we were frequently visited by a stray or feral cat. He's a rather handsome, gray-furred gentleman. We have been calling him Mr. Cat. He will allow the occasional petting, but not much more. He likes his independence, I suppose. It is nice to sit on the porch with him, but everything is on his terms... far.

As I understand it, we're not supposed to feed stray cats, but it was cold, and I had developed a soft spot for him. I was already leaving clean water for him, so I decided to add cat food as well. He's been neutered. Our city has a TNR (trap-neuter-return) program and Mr. Cat has the tipped left ear to show he's been TNRed. I believe he was

part of a larger colony of stray cats we had in the neighborhood last Summer.

I made a shelter for Mr. Cat on the far corner of our front porch over the winter. His first shelter was a large Amazon box, flipped sideways with an old fleece blanket and a towel inside. It was almost a week before we saw him using it. After a few months, the box was not holding up very well. I decided to splurge and buy him a proper outdoor shelter at the pet supply store. It said CAT HOUSE in big bold letters on the box, and I snickered, but that's all I'm saying about that. Mr. Cat adapted to it quicker than he did the paper box version, and that made me happy.

I think in time, Mr. Cat may let me pick him up without resistance. The TNR folks arranged vaccinations for him, but I'd like to take him to a veterinarian for anything else he may need. I am also hoping he'll eventually transition into an indoor cat and let me properly adopt him. He's already met one of my dogs, and they get along fine... well, after the first two meetings. No fighting or anything like that—Mr. Cat would just run and hide in the bushes (and observe), but now they respect each other, as well as a dog and cat can.

For now, I'm just allowing him his space, caring for him, and keeping my fingers crossed.

I hope all your pets are doing well. Mr. Cat says "hi". —Elle

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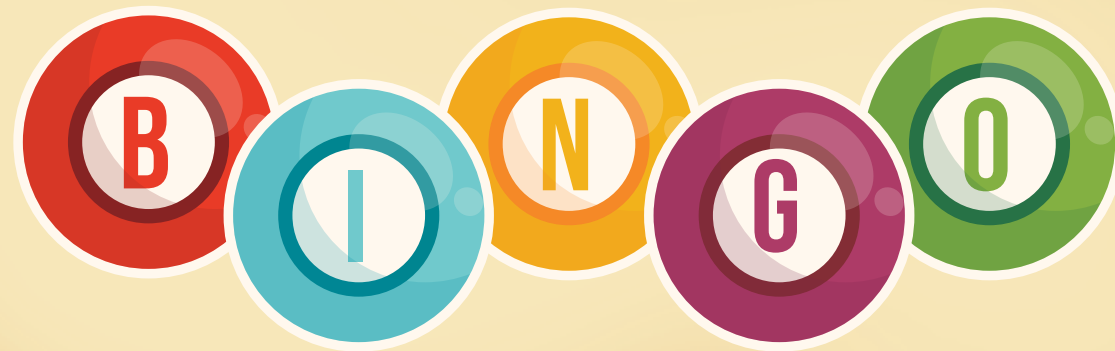
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Lucky Lotto News

Twist of Fate after Loss

Sean Hayes, of Oxfordshire, recently won £1,000,000, or roughly \$1,338,460, according to a news release by the National Lottery. Hayes, 56, had been using father James' lottery numbers from a booklet that James kept before his death in 2010, Hayes told lottery officials. He had played the numbers in the past, in James' honor, but lost the book for a while only to later rediscover it. "To think that my dad chose these numbers all those years ago before he died is just unbelievable and it's a really nice connection to my dad's memory," said Hayes, an avid gardener. As for what he's going to do with the newfound fortune, Hayes plans to buy a house with his wife, Sara, and hopes to include a garden somewhere on the property. "It would be ideal to have some green space at home," he said. A new car and some long-awaited traveling with his wife are also on his to-do list. "I'm so grateful to my dad to have chosen these numbers," Hayes said. "The money is going to make a real difference to our lives."

Illinois Mom Wins Big

A mother became a big lottery winner — with a little help from her kids. The Illinois woman, who chose to remain anonymous under the name Jenny, purchased her Lucky Day Lotto ticket online using some special numbers—her children's birthdays, according to a press release from the Illinois Lottery. She ended up winning the \$800,000 jackpot. "My usual numbers are always a combination of my birthday and my kids' birthdays," she revealed. Jenny picked the numbers 8, 11, 15, 23 and 37. They matched all five numbers in the March 13th lottery drawing. "I was in complete shock when I saw I had won," she recalled. "My reaction must have startled my daughter—she ran to get my husband to check on me." As for what Jenny intends to do with her lottery winnings,

she said she wants to help her children with their education plans. She also hopes to treat herself a bit by taking her family on a vacation to celebrate the "magical" win.

Good Luck Follows Bad Brake

An Ohio woman had a few brushes with bad luck when she won big on a Friday the 13th lottery drawing. The Sheffield Village resident, who ended up winning a \$100,000 lottery prize, told Ohio Lottery officials she was initially upset at herself for accidentally buying a Mega Millions ticket rather than her typical Powerball ticket. Then, on the day of the draw, Friday, March 13, huge wind gusts knocked out the internet, which left her unable to check her numbers right away. When she finally could the following night, she realized she won big. That night, she could barely sleep, telling lottery officials she kept checking her numbers just to make sure nothing had changed. Her stupor lasted into her visit to the Ohio Lottery regional office to claim her prize when she forgot to put her car in park and started to get out of her vehicle. Fortunately, she caught her mistake in time. On the whole, the woman said that "all the stars were aligned" for her to turn a seemingly unlucky purchase into the win of a lifetime: \$73,250 after federal and state taxes. With her winnings, the woman—who is on fixed income—said she will pay her bills, support her grandchildren, pay off her car and contribute to her savings.



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GAMING TODAY

by Henry Tamburin

When You're Losing

This situation has faced every player that has played blackjack in casinos. You memorize the basic strategy, and yet, here you sit, losing hand after hand. You're playing "by the book" but no matter what cards you get, the dealer somehow manages to beat you. So, what should you do?

This is, regrettably, a condition faced by all blackjack players at some time or another. Unfortunately, too many players that find themselves in this dilemma do some crazy things, which they often regret afterwards such as:

- Increasing their bets believing they are due to win the next hand and recoup their losses.
- Switching to playing two hands to change the "flow" of the cards.
- Changing their playing strategy thinking it will change their luck.
- Blaming the dealer or fellow players for their losses.
- Borrowing more cash (usually from an ATM machine) to keep playing, because their luck is bound to change.

Trust me when I say that doing any of the above will not change your luck. In fact, "steaming" by betting more can put you into a deeper financial hole and it is one of the cardinal sins of gambling.

Let's look at the reality of playing blackjack to see why we can get beat on any given day even though we play with perfect strategy. First off, the math says you will only win 48% of your hands and lose 52% than vice versa (this disregards the 9% of the hands that push). So, on average, you have less than a 50% chance of winning any hand in blackjack.

Mathematicians can calculate the range of how much we can expect to win or lose for any average bet and number of hands played in blackjack. For example, if you bet \$5 a hand and play about 200 hands of blackjack (about 2 to 3 hours) with perfect basic strategy, you can expect that in 95% of your playing sessions, you will wind up either ahead up to \$164, or behind up to \$176 (that's a spread from -\$176 to +\$164). Notice that the spread is skewed more to the losing side (-\$176) than to the winning side (+\$164) because even with basic strategy, the casino has the edge.

So, what's my point? The game of blackjack has a variance associated with it, which means we can sometimes wind up losing more hands in a row than we'd like through no fault of our own. This is the nature of the game. We don't like it, but there isn't much we can do about it.

Here is the best advice I can offer recreational players when you are losing hand after hand. Hopefully you have set a session loss limit and when you reach that loss limit, you've got to quit playing and take a break (if it's a day trip, you should head home). You need some quiet time to think about what just happened, and ask yourself whether you played accurately, because if you are not sure, that could be a major factor as to why you lost. There are several good blackjack software training programs that

keep track of your playing accuracy and alert you when you make a playing mistake (it also tells you what the right play is). The point is, be sure you are playing accurately.

The next thing to consider is whether or not there were any distractions while you were playing that could have caused you to make playing mistakes. My wife, for example, is an excellent blackjack player but she gets upset when a fellow player makes a dumb play. She never says anything to the player, but it affects her emotionally and it could cause her to lose concentration and misplay her hand. Perhaps a fellow player becomes obnoxious, or the dealer is a grouch—any number of factors could cause you to lose your focus when you play. My advice if this happens is to get off that table and play at another table where you feel more comfortable and can concentrate.

The most important thing to keep in mind when you find yourself losing hand after hand through no fault of your own is to keep your cool and understand these losing sessions can and will happen. Increasing your bets, digging in your pocket for more money, and playing longer hoping that your luck will change is a recipe for disaster and should be avoided.

No matter how well you play blackjack, you are not immune to losing streaks, and sooner or later you are going to take your lumps. The key is to be prepared for this scenario beforehand and know what to do when it happens. In a nutshell, get off the table when you reach your stop loss and play another day, when, hopefully, Lady Luck and the cards will be kinder to you.



Lost in the Holler

by Michael West

When RJ Burnette leaves behind his high-pressure finance career in New York and returns to the Tennessee mountains, he hopes to reset his life in the quiet rhythms of home. But Gizzard's Holler has not been waiting patiently for him. Beneath its familiar routines lies a secret the town has kept for decades.

Years earlier, RJ's sister Sue Ann died under circumstances everyone accepted as tragic misfortune. Now RJ begins to learn that the story he grew up believing may not be the whole truth. As old memories surface and long-held silences begin to crack, he finds himself confronting a past that many in the community would rather leave buried.

Lost in the Holler blends Southern Gothic atmosphere with a character-driven mystery, exploring family loyalty, grief and the uneasy balance between protecting those we love and facing the truth.

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Bingo Machines Under Fire

Dear Guy,

Am I being cheated? I play Bingo at the AAIC on Sunday's usually every week. The manager allows anyone who purchases a \$14 pack to buy a separate \$20 machine with 45 games of the \$1,000 Coverall and 45 games of \$250 Odd/Even games. I have purchased the extra games too.

Our hall will hold 300 people (?). Now if each person buys those two games (Coverall and Odd/Even) we have to do better than 2,500 to 5,000 to win the Coverall? Is that fair and legal?

A am old and slow, so I only dab one paper pack and don't win.

I hope I have explained my question plainly enough. Can the manager separate games and sell them in machines to all that play. Odds in getting the \$1,000 win, not good.

Carolyn M., Phoenix Arizona

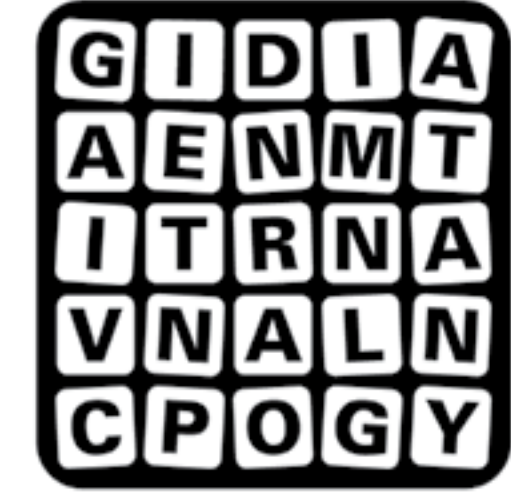
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"You guys really wear diapers?"



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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DEAR PAWS: A couple of months ago, I had to put my dog "Spacey" to sleep. He fought cancer for several months, but when he could no longer eat or stand up, I decided, after talking to the vet, that it was time. I still feel very guilty about the decision and am second-guessing myself. Would he have passed peacefully at home? Was there anything more I could have done? I just couldn't see him suffer any longer. How do you know when it's time to let go of a pet?
—Julie in Gainesville, Florida

DEAR JULIE: I'm so sorry about the loss of Spacey. It's clear from your letter that you loved him and didn't want him to suffer.

The thoughts you're having are part of the grieving process. Was there anything more you could have done to heal your dog? I think you know the answer.

The decision on when to say goodbye to a pet is a tough one. You did the right thing by talking with the vet. Together, you assessed his quality of life and determined that your dog was only going to get worse, not better. And you didn't want to see Spacey suffer any longer.

Please, be kind to yourself. You were there for your dog, every day. You cared for him, fed him, got his regular checkups. When Spacey got sick, you worked with the vet to get the best treatment for him. And when he was too weak and in too much pain to go on without great and unnecessary suffering, you held him while he left this world.

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

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QUESTIONS

1. Fred Lynn, the first player to win American League Rookie of the Year and MVP in the same season, accomplished the feat in 1975 as a member of what team?
2. At the 1956 Melbourne Summer Olympics, which rower from the Soviet Union dropped his silver medal in Lake Wendouree? (It was later recovered by a local teenager.)
3. Which NFL team holds the single-game record for the most penalty yards with 212 in a 1999 game versus the Baltimore Ravens?
4. Hilary Knight, a five-time Olympian on the U.S. Women's Hockey Team, played for what college team from 2007-2012?
5. Which organization, established in 1976, promotes a version of baseball for blind and low-vision players?
6. What two legendary sportscasters were first paired in the CBS booth for an NFL game on Nov. 25, 1979?
7. In the 1946 *Looney Tunes* cartoon *Baseball Bugs*, what team was losing to the Gas-House Gorillas 42-0 before Bugs Bunny entered the lineup?

ANSWERS

1. The Boston Red Sox.
2. Viktor Ivanov.
3. The Tennessee Titans.
4. The University of Wisconsin Badgers.
5. The National Beep Baseball Association (NBBA).
6. Pat Summerall and John Madden.
7. The Tea Totalers.

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BROOM-HILDA

By Russell Myers



Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Low-Cost Smartphone Plans

Dear Savvy Senior,

What are the absolute lowest-cost smartphone plans for seniors who mainly talk and text but need a little cellular data for email and occasional use? I'm currently paying \$40 a month and hoping to cut that down. —Looking to Save

Dear Looking,

You're asking a smart question. Many seniors pay far more for smartphone service than they actually use. If most of your phone activity is calls, texts, email, and light web browsing, there's usually no need to spend \$40 or more a month. The good news: plenty of low-cost carriers now cater to light users who want reliable service without the extra cost.

The cheapest plans today mostly come from mobile virtual network operators (MVNOs) — smaller carriers that lease coverage from major networks like T-Mobile, Verizon, and AT&T. Because they don't run their own towers, MVNOs can offer basic service for a fraction of the cost of major carriers, while still providing nationwide coverage. Here are some of the best options available now.

Cheapest Wireless Plans

According to Consumer Reports, Mint Mobile is a top value among low-cost smartphone plans. For \$15 per month, you get unlimited talk and text plus 5 gigabytes (GB) of data. The catch: you pay for a full year upfront — \$180 plus taxes — but for seniors comfortable paying annually, it's a smart way to lock in savings. Mint runs on T-Mobile's network and works with most unlocked phones.

If you want a similar plan without the upfront commitment, T-Mobile Connect is worth a look. For about \$15 per month, you



Hillbilly Bingo

In the summer we must go outside into the scorching heat to avoid frostbite from restaurant air conditioning.

—Ms. Know-It-All

Sweet, sweet June with its weddings, picnics, gardens, and flowers in full bloom. Decades ago, in our family, that meant we kids could go barefoot and wear shorts after Memorial Day. Later, as a teacher, it meant a month or two of relaxation before gearing up for another year of molding young minds. My pals and I played hide and seek after dark and chased fireflies in the fields around us. Afterward, I'd go to bed in the upstairs of our farmhouse and sweat profusely even with window fans going full blast. No air conditioning—but my family and I survived.

June is the start of family reunions and get-togethers. I recently learned a cool game to play at these events. It's a variation of bingo called Hillbilly Bingo, who knows why. This version uses standard playing cards instead of bingo balls and cards and each player needs his own deck of cards. Each player shuffles his personal deck and places the top ten cards face up in front of himself. A designated caller draws cards from a master deck and announces the rank and suit (example: king of spades). A player who has that exact card in his/her face-up pile flips it

get the same 5GB of data and unlimited talk and text, with no contract and the flexibility to switch plans month to month. It's an easy, low-commitment option on the same reliable T-Mobile network.

For seniors who barely use their phone, Ultra Mobile's PayGo plan is the absolute cheapest option right now. At just \$3 per month plus fees, it includes 100 minutes, 100 texts, and 100MB of data, with extra usage costing only a few cents per minute, text, or MB. It's ideal for anyone who mainly needs a phone for emergencies, and it also runs on T-Mobile's reliable network.

Tello is another flexible option, with plans starting at \$8 per month for 300 minutes, unlimited texts, and 2GB of data. You can easily add more minutes or data in small, inexpensive increments, making it ideal for seniors who want control over their costs.

Finally, US Mobile offers a plan starting at \$10 per month (paid annually) for unlimited talk and text plus 4GB of data. Simple, affordable, and straightforward, it's a solid choice for seniors who want coverage without extra bells and whistles.

Lifeline Program

If your budget is especially tight, be sure to check into the federal Lifeline Assistance Program. Lifeline provides a \$9.25 monthly discount on phone or internet service.

You may qualify if you receive benefits such as Medicaid, SNAP (food stamps), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), public housing assistance, or Veterans Pension. You may also qualify based on income alone if your household income is below 135 percent of the federal poverty level — currently \$21,546 for one person or \$29,214 for two.

To learn more or apply, visit lifelinesupport.org. If approved, you can choose from participating providers in your area, and in some cases even apply the discount to service you already have, if your provider participates.

Before switching plans, make sure your phone is unlocked and compatible with the new carrier's network. A quick compatibility check on the provider's website can help ensure a smooth transition and keep your savings on track.

face down. When a player has only one face-up card left, he/she must shout aloud Uno, meaning one card left, or Ready. Failure to do so means that player must take the next card from his deck and add it faceup to his remaining one. The first player to flip all 10 of his/her cards yells Yeehaw! Or Bingo! or Hot Damn which is my personal favorite and that player wins that round. Card decks are then reshuffled, another ten cards placed face up, and the next round begins with 8-10 rounds being the usual.

Before starting play, each participant contributes a set amount of money to build the pot with the amount depending on the crowd—but is usually five or ten dollars per player; meaning the pot can grow quite large. Before starting play, take half of the collected money for the last round and that will be the jackpot win for the final game of the last round. Divide the rest of the money by the number of games and that amount goes to the other individual round winners. This game can be played for prizes, more or less money to buy in, or just for fun with no money or prizes, but what fun is that says the gambler I am? In some versions, the caller announces the first four cards drawn as wild. If you have any of those cards (regardless of suit), you get to flip them over immediately which speeds up the game. Hillbilly Bingo will never replace the real bingo games we're used to playing, but it does have its own charm, especially if you're looking for something different to generate interaction at a family event. Just remember to alert everyone to bring a deck or two of cards so everyone who wants to participate can play.

Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. If you try this game, contact me (nlpzw6172@gmail.com) and let me know how it went. Yeehaw!

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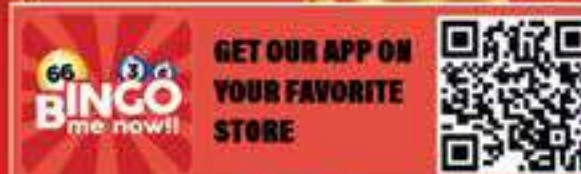
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Outside of limiting your salt intake, avoiding potassium and phosphates, and hydrating properly, is there anything that one can undertake to stop or reverse declining kidney function? — *H.M.*

ANSWER: The answer depends on the underlying reason for the chronic kidney disease (CKD) and how far the disease has progressed. Limiting sodium, potassium and phosphates is good general advice for most people with CKD. It's also important to avoid drugs that stress the kidney. The most important classes of drugs to avoid are anti-inflammatory drugs (like ibuprofen and naproxen) and the many prescription drugs in the NSAID class.

Medical procedures with dye should be avoided if possible, and some antibiotics are problematic. So, it's important for all your doctors to know about your kidney disease.

Blood pressure control is important for everyone with CKD. Some medicines for high blood pressure (such as ACE inhibitors and angiotensin receptor blockers) are more protective of the kidney than others, so it's worth asking your regular doctor or kidney specialist if your medicines are optimal. People with diabetes should also keep their blood sugar in the optimal range as much as possible.

For people with CKD and high levels of protein in their urine, the use of SGLT2 inhibitors (such as dapagliflozin or empagliflozin) has been proven to slow the progression of kidney disease by almost 30%. People with CKD who smoke should stop. Modest protein restriction remains controversial, but I advise it for my patients with CKD.

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: I would like to know the value of my old wooden duck toy. There is a mama duck with three ducklings on a string. Mama has a yellow-orange beak and a hat, and the babies have yellow beaks. All their heads turn.

A: You have a Quacky Family toy, which was made by Fisher-Price from about 1940 to 1958. Production was stopped during World War II. From 1940 to 1942, the ducks had rubber bills and were held together with rubber connectors that allowed children to change the order of the ducklings. From 1946 to 1948, the ducks had felt bills and were connected with wooden dowels. In 1948, a version with metal connectors was introduced. Starting in 1949, the ducks had plastic bills. The original retail price for the Quacky Family in 1940 was 50 cents. Today, they sell for about \$25 to \$50.

TIP: Put ceramic saucers or glass or plastic plant holders under vases of flowers or potted plants. There are inexpensive throwaway plastic dishes that have a rim and are exactly the right size and shape for a plant.

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1st thru 6th...
 Best option the 2nd\$
7th thru 12th...
 You magnetize \$ 7th-8th!
13th thru 18th...
 Good fortune awaits 15th-16th\$
19th thru 24th...
 Timely teamwork 20th-21st!\$\$
25th thru 30th...
 Late the 25th is best

SAGITTARIUS: *Nov. 22 to Dec. 21*
1st thru 6th...
 Violet victory the 4th\$!\$
7th thru 12th...
 Bank on it 9th-10th!
13th thru 18th...
 Worth the wait 17th-18th\$!
19th thru 24th...
 True bonus the 22nd\$
25th thru 30th...
 Stay in the game 27th\$!

CAPRICORN: *Dec. 22 to Jan. 19*
1st thru 6th...
 Show up & win the 2nd\$
7th thru 12th...
 Odds in your favor 7th & 12th!
13th thru 18th...
 Nothing here
19th thru 24th...
 Blessed 19th & 24th!
25th thru 30th...
 Familiar haunt lucky 30th!\$!

AQUARIUS: *Jan. 20 to Feb. 18*
1st thru 6th...
 Bet modestly 4th-5th
7th thru 12th...
 Profits pick up the 9th\$
13th thru 18th...
 Major upswing the 13th\$!
19th thru 24th...
 Solstice success 21st!
25th thru 30th...
 Luck grows the 27th!\$!

PISCES: *Feb. 19 to March 20*
1st thru 6th...
 Motivated to win 4th-5th\$!
7th thru 12th...
 Prosperity abounds 2nd-3rd!
13th thru 18th...
 Excellent chances 8th & 12th!\$
19th thru 24th...
 Winning comes easy the 16th\$
25th thru 30th...
 Better to wait
25th thru 30th...
 Sitting pretty 25th-26th!\$!

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

PREDICTORS
LUCKY CARD FOR JUNE 2026

1	16	39	46	62
9	17	42	51	69
13	23	★	56	71
8	25	32	54	73
11	18	41	50	65

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5th	National Doughnut Day
6th	D-Day
8th	Last Quarter Moon ☾
14th	Flag Day
15th	New Moon ☾
19th	Juneteenth Day
21st	Father's Day
21st	First Quarter Moon ☽
21st	June Solstice
25th	National Catfish Day
29th	Full Moon ☾



by Frederick Woodruff
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Horoscopes for June 2026

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): Author Mary Radmacher wrote, “Courage does not always roar. Sometimes it’s the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, ‘I will try again tomorrow.’” Experiment with her suggestion as you rally force to move into intimidating terrain. The art of subtlety will surprise you.
Lucky Days: 3 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 50 - 51

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): You’ve heard about the bull in the china shop, yes? Well, this month you might be liable when it comes to some broken crockery. Mars in your sign has you feisty and harboring an explosive tantrum. Find safe and creative ways to blow off the excess energy.
Lucky Days: 9 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 10 - 20

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): The new Moon in your sign on the 14th stimulates the urge to apply new ways of thinking. Apply that to stubborn habits that have turned into problems. Approach solving your dilemmas from two different angles. You’re bound to win.
Lucky Days: 15 - 16
Lucky Numbers: 30 - 31

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Jupiter, the planet of blessings and opportunities, will leave your sign this month. Time is precious. Don’t hesitate in pursuing whatever is necessary to make your dream come true. Keep in mind that it is positivity that attracts in life, so keep your head up.
Lucky Days: 12 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 11 - 40

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): Get ready to turn on your charm light this month as Venus moves into your sign. Take another look at your surroundings at home and at work. See how you can bring a dash of beauty and color to the environment. This is also a great time to get out and mingle if you have romance on your mind.
Lucky Days: 23 - 25
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 19

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): Use the new

Moon’s imaginative energy on the 14th to enhance your plans with a secret technique or ingredient. You might be missing a key element to the puzzle. Keep an open mind as you receive feedback that might not feel complimentary at first; there’s something to learn there.

Lucky Days: 6 - 26
Lucky Numbers: 55 - 56

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): The pressure you feel now—which might be a tad uncomfortable—relates to all the ways you’re gaining wisdom. This process, if you stay open to it, will help you separate the wheat from the chaff in life. Big question: what and whom will you give your time to?
Lucky Days: 8 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 34 - 48

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): The opposition might feel like it’s coming from several different directions this month. You can try and resist it but see if you can shift into a receptive mode. Make an effort to stay open to the feedback or directions you’re receiving. Some of this input can be lifechanging.
Lucky Days: 5 - 11
Lucky Numbers: 7 - 29

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): Prepare yourself for the next seven years when you’ll be exposed to radical new ways of seeing and thinking about life. Through this long phase, you’ll be required to relinquish whatever activity in your life is preventing you from being your authentic self.
Lucky Days: 7 - 17
Lucky Numbers: 53 - 59

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20): Make time this month to acknowledge your achievements. You sometimes focus on the glass half empty instead of full, but you’ll make better mileage in life when you keep your attention on the many blessings that arrived for you this year. And there have been many.
Lucky Days: 3 - 15
Lucky Numbers: 7 - 42

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): Goethe wrote, “Thinking is more interesting than knowing, but less interesting than looking.” You function best through your intellect—to apply, to solve, to build. But this month, try something different. *Watch* instead. Notice what shifts. You’ll be surprised.
Lucky Days: 11 - 21
Lucky Numbers: 44 - 54

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): Plan for some tension this month between your instinct for comfort and the pull toward creative experimentation. Boundaries matter now, too—particularly around emotional labor and the demands others assume you’ll absorb. Practice saying “no.”
Lucky Days: 7 - 17
Lucky Numbers: 3 - 33

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Parade 2. Manner 3. Mental 4. Sacred
Today’s Word: SEPARATE

JUMBLES: UNION VISTA KEEPER GARLIC

Answer: To help the young hunting dog learn, the experienced hunting dog — GAVE POINTERS

HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Meter is moved. 2. Tag on dress in window is missing. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Foot is moved. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Awning is not as wide.

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: No gain is so certain as that which proceeds from the economical use of what you already have. — Latin Proverb

BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS Solution time: 21 mins.	SUDOKU ANSWERS	MAGICMAZE ANSWERS WHERE WE KEEP CASH

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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
HOUSE BINGO LAX	685 S. La Brea Ave., Inglewood				DO 3:00pm EB 6:30pm ST 7:00pm	DO 3:00pm EB 6:30pm ST 7:00pm	DO 3:00pm EB 6:30pm ST 7:00pm	DO 3:00pm EB 6:30pm ST 7:00pm
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			
ST. MARY’S ARMENIAN CHURCH	500 S. Central Ave., Glendale (818) 245-6832	DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm			DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm			
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	3848 Stewart Ave., Baldwin Park					DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm		
ST. JOHN BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL	13640 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower (562) 920-1734						DO 3:00pm ST 5:00pm	
SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL	5825 N. Woodruff Ave., Lakewood (562) 940-7197			ST 6:00pm				
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Canoga Park YMAF BINGO	21433 Strathern Street, Canoga Park	DO: 10:30 AM WU: 12 Noon		DO: 10:30 AM WU: 12 Noon				

Orange County Program Listing

BINGO HALL	ADDRESS & PHONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
40 MARTYRS	5315 W. McFadden Ave., Santa Ana	DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm				DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm		
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

Downtown Rocks

Fremont Street Experience free summer concerts have returned. They kicked off in May with country artists Lee Brice, Austin Williams and Grace Tyler, who took the FSE stages in conjunction with the Academy of Country Music awards show at MGM Grand Garden Arena. Upcoming events scheduled include: Fuel June 13, Finger Eleven June 27, George Birge July 4, Sleeping with Sirens July 11, Mayday Parade Aug. 8, Story of the Year Aug. 22, and Maggie Lindemann Oct. 10, all Saturdays.

Late-Night Dining

Bellagio has introduced weekend late-night dining at two of its fancy restaurants overlooking the lake. From 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Lago now serves up food from a special late-night menu. If you have a hankering for hamachi, carpaccio, Caesar salad, puttanesca pizza, chocolate budino, and the like at 2 a.m., head to Lago. You can see the menu online. In May, Yellowtail, the Japanese restaurant, also added the same late-night hours as Lago, serving crisp tofu, gyoza, rock shrimp, sushi rolls, a bento box, and desserts, according to the *Review-Journal*.

Million Dollar Jackpot

A local player hit a jackpot for \$1,689,909 in April on an Aristocrat Gaming slot, Dollar Storm, at The Resort at Summerlin. The winner, who chose to remain anonymous, won the grand prize on a \$30 spin.

Not-To-Miss Meals

Tasting table recently posted a story “20 iconic dishes” served in Las Vegas restaurants. The write-ups are informed

and informative; worth scrolling through to see what you’ve missed, mostly because the picks are at expensive Strip restaurants, such as StripSteak, Guy Savoy, Prime, Wing Lei, and Delilah. On the lower-priced side, Tasting Table chose the burger at Fukuburger, the pan roast at the Palace Station Oyster Bar, adobada tacos at Taos El Gordo, French toast ambrosia at the Peppermill, crispy duck at Lotus of Siam, and lobster eggs Benedict at Eiffel Tower.

Megabucks Hit

The Megabucks Triple Red Hot 7s Spitfire Multipliers jackpot for \$10,486,432 was hit at Mandalay Bay on April 1st. It wasn’t an April Fools hoax and the player, who wished to remain anonymous, bet the max \$5 to qualify for the jackpot.

Digital Sistine Chapel Exhibition

Another immersive “digital museum” is on its way to Las Vegas. This one reproduces all 34 of the 500-plus-year-old frescoes painted by Michelangelo Buonarroti on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican in Rome. Life-size representations of Michelangelo’s famous sculptures, David, Moses, and Pietà, are also part of the display. The 25,000-square-foot attraction is on the third floor of the Shops at Crystals at CityCenter in the space that previously hosted two “Immersive Van Gogh” attractions, which is next to the “Princess Diana & The Royals” museum; the Sistine Chapel attraction comes from the same team. Tickets start at \$32 and are available online.

Bye-Bye MGM Buffet

Another one bites the dust. In a two-sentence announcement, MGM wrote, “MGM Grand Buffet will close permanently... There are no immediate plans for the space at this time; however, any future venue details will be shared once confirmed.”

Reporting by lasvegas.advisor.com.

ANIMAL CRACKERS

By Fred Wagner



Gasoline Alley

By Jim Scancarelli



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R ₁	O ₁	B ₃	O ₁	T ₁	I ₁	C ₃	RACK 4 =	<u>62</u>
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DEAR AUNT BINGO

by Bonnie Mitchell

Pull Tabs for the Fun

Dear Aunt Bingo,
 I play Bingo twice a week. There are five of us that buy pull tabs, weekly. We never ask if a big one is won. We enjoy pulling them open. People who complain probably don't have extra cash to spend. I always say, "Only gamble with money you can lose." Thanks for listening.
Barbara W., Wisconsin

Dear Barbara,
 Truer words were never spoken. Bingo (and pull tabs) should be fun, and if you're playing with scared money, it's bound to make you more upset if you don't win. It should be added that Wisconsin, unlike some other states, does not require establishments to post a list of winners, or the number of remaining winners for pull-tabs. You play at your own risk! Have fun pulling those tabs.
 —Aunt Bingo

Dear Aunt Bingo,
 Would you please, please, PLEASE run an item in your column asking people to be a bit more considerate and watch their language at Bingo? A woman I sat near the other night cussed like a sailor all evening. Every time a number was called that she did not like, she uttered a very loud profanity. At the end of each game, when she did not win, she could be counted on to state a good half dozen dirty words.
 How can she not be aware that her language is inappropriate anywhere, and certainly unacceptable in the mixed company of a Bingo hall?
 —Lisa, Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Lisa,
 Not long ago I happened to come across a student newspaper from a local college and decided to read a few stories and see what students were talking about. I was amazed to find the "f" word and the "s" word peppered throughout the paper in quote after quote. It seemed so childish, as if the reporters were determined to include "dirty" words whenever they could under the guise of journalistic freedom, when all it really seemed to be was an excuse to print those words.
 I support freedom of expression as much as the next person, either spoken or in print. But there is a line between free expression and just plain offensive language which people need to be far more sensitive about.
 In the case of your fellow Bingo player, it's a bit tricky. Do you say something to her and risk a barrage of foul language directed at you? Do you complain to management? Or do you do what you did—write a letter asking a national columnist to address the issue on your behalf? In this case, I'm glad you decided on the latter. But the manager might still have to come into play.
 —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.



New and Noteworthy

Discover what's new in the world of podcasts this month. There's something for everyone — bingers of British serials, the neurodivergent, true crime junkies, manifestors, and history buffs:

On the Box: The BritBox Podcast — Launched this month, this weekly podcast from British streamer BritBox already has a ton of five-star reviews on Apple Podcasts. Fans of this genre of television say that the podcast is "long overdue" and "hilarious." Hosted by BBC Radio broadcasting legend Edith Bowman and comedian/former host of *The View* Michelle Collins, the podcast's insightful commentary and exclusive cast interviews will keep you coming back for more. Celebrity guests include Matthew Rhys (*The Americans*) and Rosalie Craig (*Riot Women*) so far. (BritBox.com)

It's So Loud in Here! — Why is it easier

for some of us to have a conversation in a noisy restaurant, but the sound of a car idling outside our apartments on an otherwise quiet day causes severe agitation? In this new podcast from BBC Sounds, listeners take a journey into the neurodivergent mind and learn how "every sound has an invisible cost." Host Dr. Tom Nicholson explains how racing thoughts or even the tiniest buzzing noise outside can be overwhelming for the neurodivergent. In another episode, he discusses how public transportation can "sound like heavy metal at full volume" and how "driving a car can feel like a savior." (BBC.co.uk)

Into the Next — We can never have enough motivational, self-help podcasts during these chaotic times. In this newest one from beauty influencer Maya Galore, who has 900,000 subscribers on YouTube, she discusses how she transformed herself through confidence and self-love on the inside as well as the outside. Reviews on Apple Podcasts praise the fact that she digs deep and is so real. One five-star review simply states, "Maya, your authenticity is your super power, and I can't wait to hear more of your journey back to you." If this isn't a ringing endorsement, I don't know what is! (MayaGalore.com)

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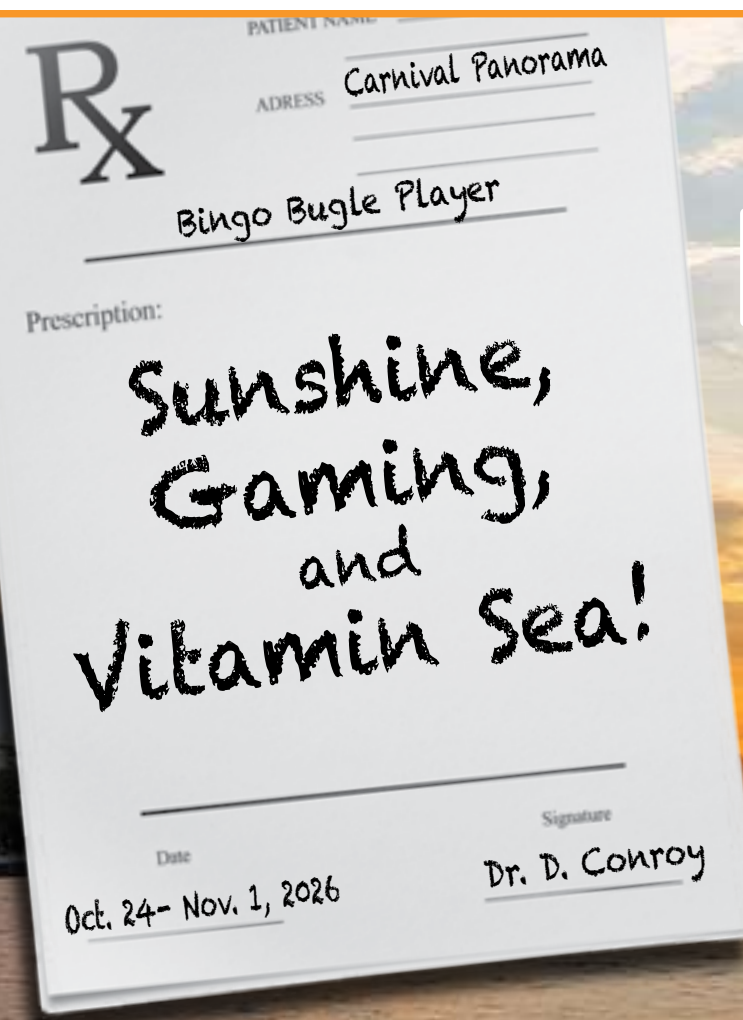
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