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Jo M. took home \$1,199 after a lucky Sunday night spent at **Knights of Columbus Bingo** in Canoga Park. Come try your luck! Doors open Sundays at 10:30am and Early Birds starting at 12 noon.

### \$800 BIG WIN!

Scheryl S. shows off her \$800 cash in hand from **40 Martyrs Bingo**. 40 Martyrs offers bingo weekly on Fridays and Mondays. Come on down!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Armenian Center Montebello's** recent bingo winner, Rosario R.! Come check out their St. Patrick's Day Special event on March 17 for your chance to win!



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Nick and Martha - lucky in love at St. Joseph High School Bingo  
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**GO FIGURE!** by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
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## Lucky Lotto News

### Dog Helps Fetch Jackpot

A Massachusetts animal lover who recently won a \$4 million scratch-off game not only brought his dog to claim his prize at lottery headquarters, he says he plans to use some of his winnings to help other animals. Paul Riley of Peabody brought his dog Raven to the lottery office to claim his lump-sum prize of \$2.6 million after taxes, according to the Massachusetts Lottery. Riley won the 100X Cash scratch-off game after buying a ticket in Peabody. Riley plans to donate part of his winnings to the Animal Rescue League and buy a new car for his wife, he told the lottery. 100X Cash is a scratch-off game from the Massachusetts Lottery. Each ticket costs \$10, and players can win up to \$4 million in prizes. You can order tickets online through Jackpocket, the official digital lottery courier of the USA TODAY Network from some U.S. States. The app allows you to pick your lottery game and numbers, place your order, see your ticket and collect your winnings all using your phone or home computer.

### Big Win in Grand Blanc

One lucky Powerball player in Michigan started the new year in a big way—a very big way—by winning the \$842.4 million New Year's Day jackpot, according to the lottery game's website, and a Flint area store is benefiting from the victory. The winning numbers for the drawing were 12, 21, 42, 44, 49 and 1. The Power Play multiplier was 3X. It has an estimated cash value prize of \$425.2 million. The prize is the fifth-largest Powerball jackpot ever won and the 10th-largest won in U.S. Lottery history, officials said. Two other winners in Florida and Texas matched five numbers with the Power Play for \$2 million. Players in California, Connecticut, Florida and Maryland matched five numbers for \$1 million prizes. Officials said the winning ticket was sold at the Food

## Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

### Medicare Spouse Coverage

#### Dear Savvy Senior,

Are spouses who have not worked outside the home eligible for Medicare benefits? I have worked most of my adult life, but my wife has been a mother and homemaker since we got married and hasn't held an income-producing job since she was in college. Will she be eligible for Medicare? —*Searching Spouse*

#### Dear Searching,

There are many couples in your situation when it comes to applying for Medicare. The answer generally is yes, your spouse can qualify for Medicare on your work record. Here's how it works.

#### Medicare Requirements

Medicare, the government health insurance program for older adults, covers around 60 million Americans age 65 and older, as well as those younger that have a qualifying disability or have End-Stage Renal Disease.

To be eligible, you must have worked and paid Medicare taxes for at least 10 years to qualify for premium-free Medicare Part A hospital coverage when you turn 65. If you qualify, then your non-working spouse will qualify too, based on your work record when she turns 65.

Divorced spouses are also eligible if they were married at least 10 years and are single, as are surviving spouses who are single and who were married for at least nine months before their spouse died.

In addition to Part A, both you and your spouse would also qualify for Medicare Part B, which covers doctor's visits and other outpatient services, but requires a monthly premium. The premium for Part B beneficiaries in 2024 is \$174.70 per month per person. Couples filing jointly with incomes over \$206,000 per year pay even more.

There are also a number of other caveats you should know about depending on your wife's age.

Castle of Grand Blanc. "I don't know who won. I hope it was one of our regulars," said Bill Nannoshi, owner of Food Castle. At press time the person had not yet come forward to claim the prize; the winner has one year from the date of the drawing to claim it.

### Pennsylvania Jackpot

A man who bought a lottery ticket at a grocery store in Westmoreland County on New Year's Eve is starting off 2024 a lot richer. The Pennsylvania Lottery presented Dennis O'Neill of Allegheny County with a commemorative check to celebrate his \$1.8 million win this past January. O'Neill hit the jackpot on a Cash 5 with Quick Cash ticket he bought at the Shop 'n Save on William Penn Highway in Murrysville. "We're just really happy to celebrate with friends, family and loved ones. It's awesome that I get to share this with my best friend and loving wife," O'Neill said. The ticket he bought matched all five balls drawn on Dec. 31: 4-10-23-34-43. The Shop 'n Save also gets a \$10,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket. Even with the big win, the 55-year-old highway foreman said he plans to continue working for another four years before he retires.

### Mind-Blowing Win in SC

An Upstate South Carolina man's spur of the moment choice to buy a \$20 scratch-off ticket made him \$2 million wealthier this winter. The winning ticket was bought at the Speedee Mart at 730 Main St. in Clinton. "My mind was blown," he said. "I started shaking a little." Though the winner doesn't have plans for the \$2 million, he told the South Carolina Education Lottery that he is confident that he'll think of something to do with the money. The Speedee Market in Clinton also got a \$20,000 for selling the claimed winning ticket.



### Older Spouses

If your wife is older than you, she can qualify for Medicare on your work record at age 65, even if you're not getting Medicare yourself, but you must be at least 62 years old. You also must have been married for at least one year for your wife to apply for Medicare on your work record.

If you are still working and your wife is covered by your employer's health insurance, she may want to enroll only in the premium-free Medicare Part A until you retire, or your employer coverage ends. Part B - along with its premium - can be added later without penalty as long as your employer's group health plan is your "primary coverage." Check with your employers' human resources department to find out about this. (Note: If your wife is funding a health savings account, she may not want to take Part A because she can't make contributions after she enrolls.)

### Younger Spouses

If your wife is younger than you, she will need health insurance until she turns 65 and becomes eligible for Medicare. This may be through the Health Insurance Marketplace (see healthcare.gov), or if you're still working, through COBRA (see dol.gov/general/topic/health-plans/cobra).

### Other Medicare Choices

In addition to Medicare Part A and B, when you and your wife become Medicare eligible, each of you will also need to enroll in a Part D prescription drug plan if you don't have credible drug coverage from your employer or union. And, you may want to purchase a Medicare supplemental (Medigap) policy too, to help pay for things that aren't covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles. Or, you may want to consider an all-in-one Medicare Advantage plan.

For more information on Medicare choices and enrollment rules visit Medicare.gov or call 800-633-4227. You can also get help through your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see shiphelp.org), which provides free Medicare counseling.

# 40 MARTYRS

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A promotional banner for Casino Morongo. At the top, a colorful border features a green slot machine reel with the number '36' and a yellow slot machine reel. Below this, the 'CASINO MORONGO' logo is prominently displayed in a stylized, colorful font. To the left of the logo, the text 'IT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES UNTIL SOMEONE YELLS' is written in a blue, sans-serif font. Below this text are five circular icons representing the letters B, I, N, G, and O. To the right of the logo, a QR code is shown with a black arrow pointing towards it from the text 'FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT MORONGOCASINORESORT.COM/CASINOMORONGO'. Below the QR code, the text 'Check it out!' is written in a cursive font. At the bottom left, there are icons for Facebook and Instagram. At the bottom right, there are icons for YouTube and Twitter. The entire banner is set against a white background.

# ST. JOHN

## FRIDAY NIGHT

*Doors open 4pm*

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### FRIDAY, MARCH 1



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by Annie E. Ennis

## Pop-In-The-Oven

Dear Annie,

I was recently told about a Dutch oven meal that was called Pop in the Oven. Have you ever heard of it? It was really good, and I would love to try it myself. Thank you!  
—Georgeann from Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Georgeann,

This recipe was also given to me from my friend from Minnesota. The official name of the recipe is Pop-In-The-Oven-Stew. It's really easy. —Annie

### POP-IN-THE-OVEN STEW

2 pounds boneless beef stew meat, cut into 1 and a half inch cubes  
8 stalks celery, cut into 1-inch pieces  
8 carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces  
6 potatoes, peeled and quartered  
2 large onions, sliced  
1 cup water  
2 12-ounce jars brown gravy (store bought)  
1 teaspoon instant beef bouillon  
1/3 cup instant tapioca  
2 teaspoons salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1 teaspoon minced garlic

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Using a Dutch oven, combine all of the above ingredients. Bake covered for 3 to 3.5 hours, or until the meat is tender. Serves 8 people.



## Snail Mail Memories

Instant information at your fingertips is convenient. The ability to contact your friends and loved ones through text or voice whenever you want is definitely a good thing. With my phone or laptop, I can check weather and local radar, or read the latest from my favorite news or pop culture websites, or even send birthday greetings — with gift card — to a loved one.

All those technological marvels aside, I often miss the old-fashioned modes of communication. My phone rarely rings; I receive text alerts instead of phone calls. I read the news online instead of looking for the newspaper in the bushes. My mailbox contains bills and advertisements, no letters. Again, there are positives to all these but...

I miss getting letters. I miss looking forward to the weekly TV Guide or monthly Reader's Digest delivery. Collecting the daily mail used to be fun. Now, I just groan when the only mail item I receive is an offer to buy my house for cash. Wheeeee.

When we were kids, my cousin and I would write each other letters and include



penny candy (ok, 5-cent candy), like suckers, or Smarties, or Pixie Sticks, or mini Tootsie Rolls... anything we could fit in an envelope. We lived in the same city! It sure was fun, though.

I remember when we would run out of shelf space to display our Christmas cards. I received two cards this year, with holiday greetings now being delivered through text or Facebook.

Of course, being able to phone your aunt in Chicago, or your sister in Phoenix without incurring a long-distance charge pretty much eliminated exchanging letters. But, if you're old like me, you miss rereading that letter multiple times and sharing it with family.

Yes, reading the news online while in bed with a cup of coffee is easy breezy, but I still think fondly of the days when I would fetch the newspaper and sit at the kitchen table with it. Reading the local news, the advice columns, the "funnies," and working the crossword puzzle. We had a rather small local newspaper, which I enjoyed so much. I stayed subscribed until they finally went out of business because the Internet was just too much competition.

While I appreciate and benefit from advanced technology, please excuse me for being nostalgic. I think I'll mail my cousin some of her favorite licorice... if I can find her address.

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Hi Guy,  
I want to tell you how much I like your column and the *Bingo Bugle*. I look forward to when each issue comes out. It is fun reading, it is fun to have the puzzles and crosswords and other games to play, and to read the different advice columns. It is amazing how much information you guys fit into each paper.  
I have gotten into the habit of picking up a few copies...one for me and ones for my wife and daughter to have at home. I also will on occasion leave a copy at the mechanic's or doctor's office—to give people in the waiting room something to do. It works. When I return and if the paper is still there it is very folded and lots of the puzzles have been worked on. Makes me feel like I'm doing a good deed for a lot of bored people who are stuck waiting.  
—BL, Las Vegas, via email

Hi BL,  
I appreciate that you took the time to write about how much you enjoy the *Bugle*. Like you, in this digital age I remain a fan of printed newspapers, magazines and other publications that I can hold, flip the pages, mark up and take with me wherever I go.  
This is the spirit behind the *Bingo Bugle*—to give Bingo players throughout North America a little something more, a little extra fun to pass the time before, between and after playing Bingo that doesn't cost them a single penny.

How great that you take extra copies of the *Bugle* and leave them in waiting rooms. Starting now I'm going to do the exact same thing. I suspect people will enjoy having the option of doing a *Bingo Bugle* crossword instead of thumbing through a year-old copy of *Popular Mechanics*. —Guy

Hi Guy,  
I got a kick out of the letter from the reader named Les who wrote in about the Bingo Diva at his hall who is constantly acting up and looking for attention. We have a couple such divas at Bingo. And while Les says they can sometimes be entertaining—I am not a fan and find their antics distracting.  
Luckily, we have a take-charge Bingo manager who does not care for this kind of behavior either. One time, when one of the divas was acting up, the manager stopped the games and walked right up to her and very firmly said that if she did not settle down she would be banned. It resulted in more attention than even she could handle, and she quieted down for the rest of the night.  
Another time we had a diva who kept fussing about the other people at her table bothering her. Again, the manager stopped the games and set up a card table in a corner and made her go sit there by herself. She was mortified. It was priceless!  
—Brian, via email

Hi Brian,  
I admire the style of this Bingo manager—reminds me of an old time schoolteacher—scolding the bad behavior of one pupil and giving another a “time out” by sitting her in the corner. Ha! Of course, I'd hate to have this guy turn on me. But maybe that's his point—if everyone fears him everyone will stay in line! —Guy

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

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Strange BUT TRUE  
By Samantha Weaver

★ In 2012, a 90-year-old Baltimore woman named Venus Green locked a police officer in her basement when he tried searching her home without a warrant. Afterward, she brought a civil rights lawsuit and won a \$95,000 settlement.

★ Before the modern glass versions we use today became commonplace, mirrors were made from bronze and were prized possessions of rich households in Egypt, Greece, Rome, China and Japan.

★ The Statue of Liberty's full name is Liberty Enlightening the World.

★ More than 20% of all the world's freshwater is in the Great Lakes.

★ While humans and giraffes obviously have vastly different neck lengths, they still have the exact same number (seven) of neck vertebrae.

★ Ever wonder why some cocktails are shaken while others are stirred? Chalk it up to the level of dilution and texture required: The longer the shake or stir, the more diluted and cold the beverage gets. Hence cocktails made with spirits, tonics and bitters should be stirred, while those featuring fruit juices, egg whites, cream or cream-based liqueurs should be shaken.

★ Folks used to say “prunes” rather than “cheese” when having their pictures taken.

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Q: What is Jeff Goldblum up to these days? I only see him on commercials for apartments, but not in any movies lately. — P.T.

A: Despite having what is surely a lucrative gig as the spokesman for Apartments.com, Jeff Goldblum is still very much a beloved and sought-after actor in Hollywood. Originally from Pittsburgh, Goldblum started out as most actors do when they move to California — landing guest-starring roles on hit primetime shows. He landed small but memorable roles in movies like *Annie Hall*, *The Right Stuff* and *The Big Chill*.

In 1986, he starred in the sci-fi/horror film *The Fly*, but it would be the *Jurassic Park* movies that would bring him his greatest box-office success. He's caught the eye of other big-name directors, including Taika Waititi for *Thor: Ragnarok* and Wes Anderson for *Asteroid City*, the latter of which was just released last year. So, yes, Goldblum's acting days are far from over. He even has a role in the highly anticipated film *Wicked*, which is based on the hit Broadway musical.

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## Balancing Eggs and Broken Eggs

*The first person who pulled an egg out from under a chicken's butt and ate it, must have been really hungry.* —lotsotfrue.com

Well, well. I guess I'm not a know-it-all as my husband says after all. I did not know that Bingo month is celebrated in March as well as in December, so butter my butt and call it a biscuit. Apparently, the difference is that December is bingo's birth month as designated in 2017 by the Bingo Association of America. This nonprofit group promotes and defends the interests of the gaming industry, including bingo, through education and public policy. March's bingo month is to celebrate the game of bingo itself, plus give back to our communities. It was created in 2006 by the American Bingo Association as an opportunity to raise money for charity. H-mmmm. Where I live, all bingo games are nonprofits with all money collected going to charitable causes. So, if you're a regular player, and you're like me and lose a lot, just consider that the money you spend is for a good cause. Also, playing bingo is a mood lifter, a time to meet with friends, and maybe, on occasion fatten your pocketbook.



My mother and one of her brothers had the flu in 1918. She said she was very sick, but unlike her brother, who was profoundly deaf from high fever, she didn't experience any aftereffects. She died at 90 without getting the flu again or taking the yearly flu vaccine.

I am 83, have never had a flu shot and have never had the flu. I have had all the COVID-19 vaccines, but never the yearly flu shots. Could I have received immunity from her? — F.D.B.

**ANSWER:** No, you don't get specific immunity from parents. Babies do get a type of "passive" immunity from their mothers, since antibodies are shared through the placenta to the fetus, but this only lasts for weeks or months.

The 1918 influenza pandemic did leave survivors with very long-lasting immunity to some types of the flu (like H1N1). Unfortunately, this immunity does not extend to other types of flu viruses, so I still recommend getting the yearly flu vaccines.

It's my experience that when people tell me they have never had the flu, it's not always true. Sometimes, the flu is mild and goes unrecognized. The flu is highly variable, and even young, healthy people with apparently good immune systems can succumb to the flu.

You may have inherited some of your mother's robust immune system, as this is partially heritable. However, I wouldn't depend on it entirely and do recommend the vaccine to help your immune system reduce your risk of getting a severe flu. People over 65 may get a special, higher-potency flu vaccine.

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

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In states where bingo is a business, not for charity, a good time is still had by all for the same reasons. My point is that both charitable bingos and commercial bingos are a lot of fun, so go as often as you can for the fun experience it is.

Also in March, we have Employee Appreciation Day, March 1, and National Write a Letter of Appreciation Week March 1-7. If you're so inclined, it would be nice to observe the last two dates by surprising the staff and management at your favorite bingo hall with sweet treats or a fruit and veggie tray. And maybe write them a note of appreciation for all they do. The caller's job can be especially vexing with players yelling at the top of their lungs for numbers to be called or that the caller has made a mistake. Be kind in your criticism and let it be known to all the workers that you do appreciate their efforts to make sure you have a good time.

That brings me to March 20, the spring equinox, when days and nights are of almost equal length. Supposedly, this is the only time that an egg can be balanced on its end. Truth be told, I don't really care, but if you do, let me know your results. Some who do care about this parlor trick say it's a hoax and eggs can be balanced on any ole day. Whoop-de-doo! Writing about eggs though, has caused a childhood memory to surface. When I was about ten, my mother called me from the little neighborhood store that my parents owned. We raised chickens and she asked me to bring a dozen fresh eggs to the store. I put them in a sack, placed them in my bike basket, and raced down the hill on which we lived. Disaster! I hit a bump and broke every single egg. I walked the bike back up the hill with broken eggs dripping everywhere. My parents laughed then told me to try again but on foot this time. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. Contact: [nlpvzw6172@gmail.com](mailto:nlpvzw6172@gmail.com).



**DEAR PAWS:** I've had to change the time of day that I visit the local dog park, because a new neighbor brings his two huge, aggressive dogs each morning at the same time as I do. They charge other humans, chase and snarl at other dogs, and make it impossible for other dogs to socialize calmly. The neighbor does nothing to control them and tells other owners that it's their fault that his dogs are acting aggressive. To prevent injury to my dog (or myself), I now wait until after work to go. But this is inconvenient for everyone in the neighborhood. How do I address this problem? — *Dog Mom in New York*

**DEAR DOG MOM:** You're doing the right thing by changing the time that you bring your dog to the park.

That's only the first step, however. The new dogs are terrorizing other dogs within the park, making life miserable for them and their owners. It's not fair, nor is it right.

Dog parks typically have rules of conduct posted at each entrance. It's up to each owner to properly train and socialize their dogs, and to keep them away from the park if they can't control rough play, aggression or reactivity.

Report the problem to the organization in charge of maintaining the dog park. This may be a community group or the municipal parks department. Contacting animal control is another option. Write down the dates and times that incidents have occurred. If there is no active community group for the dog park, consider starting one so that owners can air their grievances and work out problems as a group..

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

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## Crash Course

I remember to this day what a friend told me the first time I set foot in a Vegas casino some fifty years ago and was "scared to death" to sit down and play blackjack. "Look at all those people playing blackjack," he said. "At one time they were all beginners, just like you."

Of course, he was right. Even if you are a dedicated slot machine player, learning how to play blackjack is not as difficult as you think it is. Plus think about this: Blackjack has been the most popular casino table game for over 70 years, and even today, more folks play blackjack than poker (yep, that's true). In short, blackjack is popular because it is easy to play, it's fun, and it offers the best odds of winning.

The objective in blackjack is to beat the dealer's hand. You can do this in one of two ways: by either having your hand total higher than the dealer's hand, or by not going over 21 when the dealer subsequently goes over 21 (going over 21 is known as "busting" or "breaking"). So, if you've got 18 and the dealer has 17, you win. If you stand on 12 and the dealer busts, you win.

The cards count their face value in blackjack. Picture cards count as 10, and an Ace counts as either 1 or 11 (initially the Ace counts as 11

but if you draw more cards, and the hand totals more than 21, then the Ace can be counted as 1). The total of any hand is the sum of the card values in the hand. For example, a hand containing a 4-5-8 totals 17 and Ace-5 is a 16. The highest-valued starting hand in blackjack (because it receives a bonus) contains an Ace plus a 10-value card, and it is known as a blackjack or natural.

When you win a hand at blackjack you are paid even money (i.e., if you bet \$5 and win, you get paid \$5). The only exception is a player's blackjack, which gets paid either 3-2 or 6-5 (avoid all 6-5 games!) if the dealer doesn't also have a blackjack. If your hand and the dealer's hand have the same total, this is known as a push, or tie, and you neither win nor lose your wager. Card suits have no meaning at blackjack.

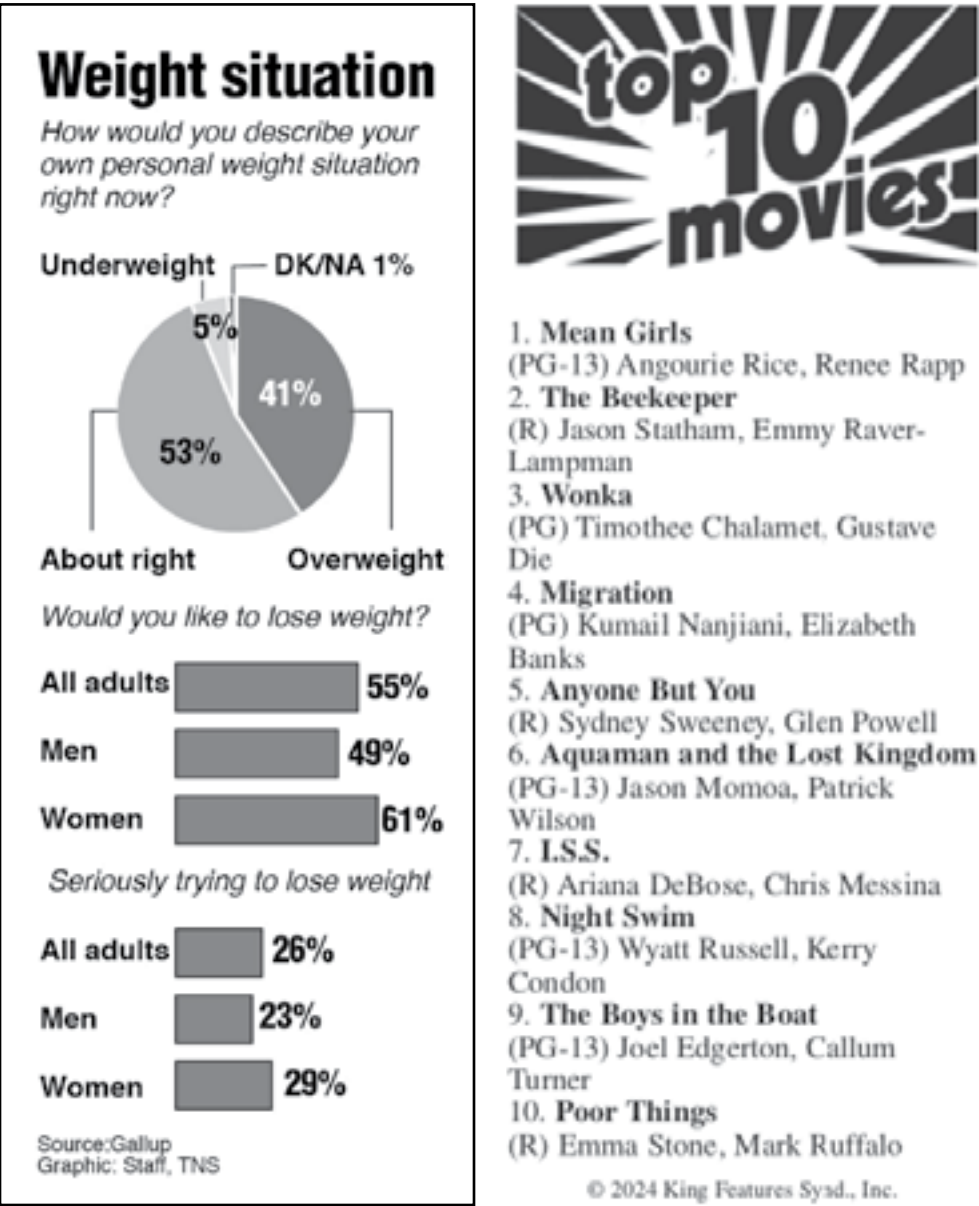
Some hands in blackjack are known as soft hands and others as hard hands, and it's important to know the distinction. Any hand that contains an Ace counted as 11 is known as a soft hand. For example, Ace-6 is a soft 17. Likewise, 2-3-Ace is a soft 16. A hard hand is any hand that either does not contain an ace, or if it does, the Ace is counted as 1. For example, 10-5-Ace is a hard 16. Often a hand can start as a soft hand, and after receiving one or more cards, turn into a hard hand (Ace-5 is soft 16; if you hit and draw a 10, you now have a hard 16).

The dealer must act on their hand by house rules (they have no playing options). If their hand totals 16 or less, they must draw another card or cards. If their hand totals 17 to 21, they must stand. In some casinos, the dealer must stand on soft 17, and in others, hit (it will say so on the layout). The odds are slightly better for players when the dealer stands on all 17s, including soft 17.

The built-in house edge in blackjack arises from the simple fact that players act before the dealer, and if they bust they automatically lose, even if the dealer subsequently busts. Also, you have several playing options that are not available to the dealer, such as standing or hitting on any hand total, doubling down, pair splitting, and, in some venues, surrendering. By using these playing options optimally, you can reduce the house edge to about half of one percent!

## THE MIDDLETONS

By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers



## Don't Do What I Did and Go All in Without Looking at Your Poker Hand

By Chad Holloway

Poker is a game of skill, one that requires a great deal of patience to win. That's especially true in poker tournaments, which are structured in such a way that they'll take either many hours or days to finish. If you don't take a slow and steady approach, you're destined to fail; hence, the old poker saying, "You can't win a poker tournament in the early levels, but you can lose it."

Now, let me show you what not to do in a poker tournament, and how you can best take advantage of a maniac like me. In early

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## Butternut Squash Barley Soup

Where warmth meets flavor, and every spoonful is a sip of coziness.

Bursting with flavor and versatility, this family favorite promises a cozy experience in every spoonful.

The humble butternut squash takes center stage, joined by vibrant veggies, hearty barley and the protein of your choice — whether it's succulent chicken, tender turkey or satisfying sausage. My family especially enjoys turkey Italian sausage in this recipe. For a vegetarian version, white beans, like great northern or cannellini beans, bring protein and fiber to the party.

In your bowl of winter comfort, each ingredient plays a vital role in not just tantalizing your taste buds but also nurturing your well-being.

Butternut squash and carrots, both bursting with beta-carotene, are rich sources of vitamin A and C, promoting healthy skin and vision while contributing to immune support. Refreshing celery, a hydrating hero, provides antioxidants and vital minerals. Enter barley, a fiber-packed grain that supports digestive health and helps maintain steady blood sugar levels. Together, they not only satisfy the palate but also nourish your body, making your winter evenings both delicious and nutritious.

January, I had the opportunity to play in the Free Poker Network (FPN) \$100,000 Vegas World Championship at the Golden Nugget. The invite-only tournament had 387 players from around the country, all of whom had qualified via FPN events.

There was a \$100,000 prize pool up for grabs, with the top 36 finishers earning at least \$720 in prize money and the eventual winner taking home a \$25,000 top prize. While I would've liked to given my best, I had conflicting plans that evening, so I knew I wouldn't actually be able to win. Instead, I decided to go in ready to gamble, maybe win a couple bounty prizes, and then go on my merry way.

In Level 4 (300/500/500), I moved all in for my last 4,400 under the gun (AKA first to act) without looking at my cards. Action folded to Anna Kimball in the big blind and she called with the JD7H. I then flipped over the QS7S and doubled after the board ran out QH2H10S8CAS.

On the next orbit, I decided to do it again and once again doubled through Kimball when my ace-queen held up against deuce-three. I figured the third time's the charm, so in Level 5 (300/600/600) I once again moved all in without looking, this time for 29,000!

The player to my left called off their last 3,400 with the AHKH and then the big stack at the table called with the 5S5D. I then revealed the AD8H, the worst of all three hands.

**The Garden Bug**

**Online gardening classes**

The winter months are a good time to take some online gardening classes. Here are a few sources:

- [gardentutor.com](https://gardentutor.com)
- [MasterClass.com](https://www.udemy.com/topic/gardening)
- <https://www.wildabundance.net/online-classes/online-gardening-school>
- <https://www.skillshare.com/en/browse/gardening>
- <https://www.classcentral.com/subject/gardening>
- <https://organicgardeningacademy.com>
- <https://www.learnndirect.com/category/gardening>

— Brenda Waner

### BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND BARLEY SOUP CASSEROLE

Yield: 12 cups  
Total Time: 60 minutes

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 celery ribs, chopped
- 3 medium carrots, chopped
- 1 butternut squash (2 to 3 pounds), peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes (about 6 cups)
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes
- 2 garlic cloves, minced (or 1 teaspoon dried minced garlic)
- 1 teaspoon rubbed sage or poultry seasoning
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup pearl barley
- 4 cups (32 ounces) chicken or vegetable broth
- 4 cups water
- 2 cups (one pound) cooked chicken, turkey or sausage
- Kosher salt and fresh-cracked pepper, to taste

### Stovetop Instructions:

In a large soup pot, over medium-low heat, cook chopped onion in olive oil for one minute. Add celery, carrots and squash, and saute for about 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the seasonings and barley, and give it a good stir to combine.

Pour in the broth and water, bring to a boil, then simmer gently for 40 minutes. Add your cooked protein of choice and heat through; add salt and pepper to taste.

### Slow Cooker Instructions:

Place all ingredients (except your chosen protein) in a 5- or 6-quart slow cooker. Cook on low for 5-7 hours or until squash and barley are tender. Stir in cooked chicken, turkey or sausage; cook covered for an additional 15 minutes or until heated through.

### Instant Pot Instructions:

Well, lady luck had been on my side and this hand was no different as, I kid you not, the flop came down the 8S8C8D to give me quads!

The players at the table were in disbelief, and many of them grew quite frustrated by my uncouth antics. So, what's the best way to play against someone playing like a wild man and not looking at their cards? The answer is stay patient and wait for a big hand.

That's what Cedric Thompson did when, for the fourth time, I moved all in dark under the gun in Level 8 (600/1,200/1,200) for 60,800. Thompson barely had me covered and picked up the granddaddy of all hands — pocket aces! I had the JD8D, and despite flopping an open-ended straight draw on the 7S5H6S flop, I missed when the 7C bricked on the turn followed by the JS on the river.

While I punted my stack and exited the tournament early, Jordan Sleen, a patron of Billy's Corner Bar & Grill in Minnesota, did the opposite and finished as the last player standing to win the title, trophy, and \$25,000 in cash!

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## GOOD to KNOW

## Ways to Lower Your Heating Bill

There's good news for the 46% of U.S. households who heat their homes with natural gas this winter: it's expected to cost 7.8% less this year than last year. Heating with electricity or oil, however, will likely cost more.

### Saving on Energy

Fortunately there are ways everyone can save. One of the biggest sources of a house's energy consumption is the HVAC system. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, families can cut their energy bill by 20-30% simply by doing proper equipment maintenance, and air duct cleaning is a way to save big money on energy bills.

Indoor air contains unseen pollutants: dust, dander, pollen, mold, chemicals, and more. Your heating and cooling system circulates the contaminated air through the air duct pathways and it can build up in the ductwork and on other components.

Dirty HVAC systems—especially dirty coils—use up to 30% more energy resulting in higher utility bills.

The National Air Duct Cleaners Association (NADCA) recommends having a professional clean the entire HVAC system.

One way to make sure you get a qualified contractor to do the job right is to search the NADCA online directory for a nearby member employing technicians with advanced training and certification in HVAC system cleaning.

### Learn More

For further facts and tips visit [www.breathingclean.com](http://www.breathingclean.com).

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### QUESTIONS

1. What U.S. Olympic gymnast retired from the sport in 1972 and went on to a successful career on the stage, most notably playing the title character in *Peter Pan*?
2. George Balabushka was considered to be the finest craftsman of what wooden sports equipment?
3. Jon Bon Jovi, Richie Sambora and Ron Javorski were in the ownership group of what Arena Football League team that began play in 2004?
4. What member of the 1908 Chicago Cubs is the only player to have thrown four strikeouts in a single inning in a World Series game?
5. How many games did Marty Mornhinweg win in his two seasons as head coach of the Detroit Lions from 2001-02?
6. What American cyclist recovered from near-fatal wounds suffered in a 1987 hunting accident to win his second and third Tour de France titles in 1989-90?
7. Name the Swiss businessman who was elected president of FIFA in 1998 and was ousted in 2015 after a corruption and bribery scandal.

### ANSWERS

1. Cathy Rigby.
2. Pool cues.
3. The Philadelphia Soul.
4. Orval Overall.
5. Five.
6. Greg LeMond.
7. Sepp Blatter.

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Veterans Post



Whom to trust?

Wouldn’t you get a sick feeling if you wondered whether your treatment nurse had obtained a fake diploma?

Three owners of nursing schools in two states were found guilty, as well as several of their pals (for a total of 27 scammers), for a scheme that involved selling fake nursing diplomas they apparently got from two formerly genuine schools. Students who wanted to take the national nursing board exam could purchase from the scammers diplomas that would allow them to take the tests. The genuine schools were eventually closed because of their test failure rate. However, some applicants managed to pass the exam and used the fake documents to get jobs everywhere in the country. Over 7,000 fake diplomas were handed out.

What happens now, one wonders? Assuming there were records, will anyone go after any of the faux nurses and at least let their new employers (such as the Department of Veterans Affairs) know about the fake diplomas?

In another case, a man was sent to prison (not for long enough) for distributing over \$16 million in adulterated HIV drugs, as well as other medications, all around the country. The scammer and his pals actually set up businesses in multiple states from which they sold the corrupted drugs to wholesale drug suppliers, which then sold them to pharmacies, ensuring that the drugs were spread far and wide. The criminals had on hand enough drugs to net them at least \$25 million when sold.

In one gut-wrenching case, two nurses lied to investigators after a patient died at a VA hospital. They claimed they hadn’t “paused” the patient’s medication. They actually had. The patient died.

Curiously, one nurse was given only three months in the federal slammer, and the other one got six months. Even more curious, the judge gave them both until January to turn themselves in at the prison, noting the “circumstances of the offense.” What on earth does that mean?

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**HOLLYWOOD** — Paramount Pictures has lost it biggest star now that Tom Cruise is moving his production company to Warner Bros. after 30 years. Cruise has been making pictures with Paramount since 1992, and his last release will be the upcoming eighth film in the *Mission Impossible* franchise. The seventh film, *Dead Reckoning Part One*, grossed \$567.5 million. It will be a sad day for Paramount when the 61-year-old superstar moves to Warner Bros.

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*Wonka*, starring Timothee Chalamet, is impressive in an *Oliver Twist* kind of way. He sings, dances and acts great, but while it had some magic, it didn’t have the appeal of the first two films with Gene Wilder and Johnny Depp. Still, you can’t argue with half a billion in its first three weeks.

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*Killers of the Flower Moon* was a disappointment at the box office — and at the Golden Globes when Robert De Niro, Leonardo DiCaprio and Martin Scorsese didn’t score any wins. But Lily Gladstone won for Best Actress in a Motion Picture. Scorsese says that his next project will be an 80-minute film called *A Life of Jesus*.

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Casino Q&A

Q. What is a slot tournament?

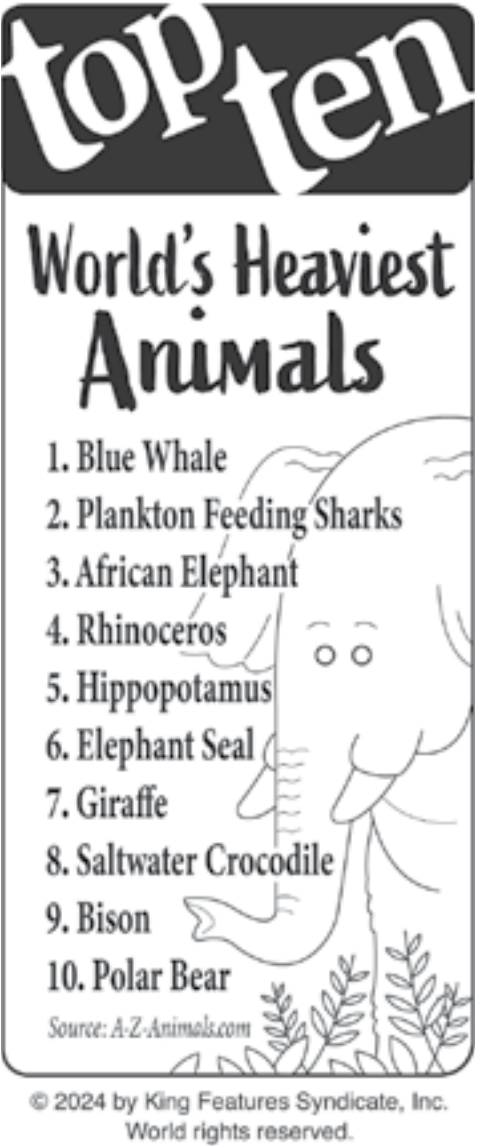
A. In a slot tournament, players compete against each other to win prizes by accumulating the highest score during multiple rounds of tournament play. Tournament machines are just like live money slot machines played on the casino floor, but tournament machines are set into “tournament mode,” so that players will not put any money into a tournament machine or take any money out of it. These tournament machines are set on a countdown timer for each round of play. Players are given unlimited “max bet” spins to play during the countdown.

Tournament machines may also have bonus features that players may activate during play. Countdown timers range from 3-minutes to 15-minutes, depending on the tournament format, and participants have the same countdown timers for all rounds of play. The total credit on the machine at the end of the play is the player’s score for that round. The scores for all the rounds of tournament play are totaled to determine the player’s overall tournament rankings.

Q. What are some tips for winning slot tournaments?

A. Here are six tips to set you spinning toward victory, courtesy of The Grand Sierra Resort in Reno.

1. Focus on speed. Though you cannot control what the slot machine reels bring up, you can control how many chances you have to win, so keep pressing that spin button.
2. Minimize distractions. Keep your head in the game by cutting down on distractions. Silence your cell phone and don’t look around to compare yourself to others. Just spin, spin, spin!
3. Arrive early. Sliding in at the last minute for a slot tournament might compromise your peace of mind or place you in a sub-optimal location.
4. Let the machine do its thing. While it’s fun to watch the wins count up on the machine, don’t give in to the temptation—keep yourself focused with laser intensity on pressing the button.
5. Push it to the max. Play the maximum bet on each spin to utilize the most of your credits. By playing the maximum bet every time, you have a better chance of using all the credits during the allotted time period.
6. Have fun! In a slot tournament, players know their potential loss. Leverage this fact to get the most out of the game. With the security of a calculated risk, just enjoy the competition!



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QUESTIONS

1. What was the name of Kenny Rogers’ band in the ‘60s?
2. Name the longest Beatles song.
3. Which group was the first to release “Alley Oop”?
4. What was the original name of The Supremes?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “I know there’s only, only one like you, There’s no way they could have made two.”

ANSWERS

1. The First Edition. Their first big hit came with “Ruby, Don’t Take Your Love to Town,” written by Mel Tillis, about a paralyzed veteran whose wife goes out at night by herself.
2. “Hey Jude.” It came in at over seven minutes. Written by Paul McCartney, it was originally titled “Hey Jules” for John Lennon’s 5-year-old son Julian who was upset over his parents’ divorce.
3. The Hollywood Argyles, in 1957. Astonishingly enough, the caveman song topped the Billboard Hot 100 chart.
4. The Primettes, until 1967.
5. “You’re the First, the Last, My Everything,” by Barry White, in 1974. The song sat for over 20 years, originally written as a country song by Peter Radcliffe, until White changed the lyrics and turned it into disco. It was originally titled “You’re the First, the Last, My In-Between.”

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Nevada Happenings

Million Hit at Airport

When more than 350 flights were delayed and 64 canceled at Reid International due to a huge storm in the northern U.S. this winter, one traveler was probably very thankful for the hold-up—winning a jackpot for \$1,031,199 on a Wild Wild Buffalo slot machine.

Etheridge and Jewel Play the Palms

Singer-songwriters Jewel and Melissa Etheridge will tour together this summer and fall. The tour will kick off on July 11 in Montana and hit Las Vegas for one night only on July 24 to play the Pearl Theater at the Palms. Pre-sale at press time showed tickets in the \$41 to \$137 range (not including fees) and a six-ticket limit.

New State Park

The newest Nevada state park opened early winter: The Ice Age Fossils State Park is 315 acres of paleontological and historical significance for fossil and Ice Age enthusiasts. This area was home to mammoths, lions, camels, dire wolves, ground sloths and other extinct mammals 8,000-20,000 years ago, at the tail end of the last of four great ice ages of the Pleistocene Era when great lakes and lakeshore grasses and woodlands supported the abundance of fauna. The discovery of a treasure trove of fossils in this vicinity prompted extensive and intensive scientific research, including a “Big Dig” in 1962; the park has been in the works for the past seven years. The park is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; tickets are \$3, children under 12 free. It’s located at 8660 N. Decatur Blvd. in North Las Vegas, a couple of miles north of the Bruce Woodbury Beltway.

New Food Hall

The Miracle Mile Shops recently announced Miracle Eats, a 10-outlet food hall scheduled to open in about a year. VegasChanges posted a map pinpointing where it’s going to be located: near the south entrance to the mall off the Strip.

Reporting by lasvegasadvisor.com



\* File this one under safety AND energy smarts: Clean the dryer vent after every load. Clean the dryer vent screen monthly with a gentle soap and water bath. Rinse well and dry thoroughly before inserting back into your dryer.

\* “I used to struggle with plastic wrap every time I tried to use it. But now, it’s a breeze since I learned to do these two things: One, keep plastic wrap in the freezer. It unrolls evenly, not one side or the other. Two, use a serrated knife to cut it instead of relying on the metal strip down the side of the box. You lay it out on the counter, and just run the knife down the edge you want to cut. Works like magic, and it’s no longer frustrating.” — *G.S. in Georgia*

\* Store an apple or two with your potatoes to keep them from sprouting. Be sure to check them often.

\* Cut cotton pads in half to double your supply. They are typically big enough for two uses, and you can always use two halves if you need a whole.

\* “Make a cream lipstick last longer and stay cleaner by using a makeup brush to apply. Your skin picks up more of the lipstick than necessary, one reason why we blot our lips afterward. But the brush uses only what you need. And there’s less bacteria transfer.” — *Y.R. in Massachusetts*

\* Studies have shown that you spend more and make worse decisions when grocery shopping at peak hours. To be a saver on the family food bill, pick a time to shop when you’re not rushed; have a list; know the sales ahead of time; and eat before you go.

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

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Massive Ole Red Opens

Ole Red, the four-story, 27,000-square-foot country-themed restaurant in front of the Horseshoe in the Grand Bazaar Shops, opened recently. Owned by country star Blake Shelton, Ole Red touts itself as “providing the whole country experience,” encompassing the food, drinks, and live entertainment on two stages; the outdoor patios also overlook one of the most exciting intersections in the world. The restaurant can seat 700 diners comfortably, tucking into menu choices such as fried pickles, wings, tacos, sliders, burgers and sandwiches, salads, and a few entrees (ribs, salmon and chicken n waffles to name a few). The hours are 11 a.m. till “late night.”

All’Antico Vinaio Opens

A renowned sandwich shop from Florence, Italy, that at least one journal has named among the best in the world, opened in Sundry Food Hall at the UnCommons in late January. All’Antica Vinaio, which means “At the Ancient Wine Merchant” and describes the location of the first shop that opened in Venice in 1991 across from a wine bar, features freshly baked schiacciata (skia-CHA-tah), a chewy Tuscan flatbread, sliced meats like capocollo and Tuscan prosciutto, gorgonzola and stracciatella (mozzarella soaked in cream), tomatoes and spicy eggplant, and other Italian specialties. The UnCommons is a mixed-use community (apartments, office space, restaurants including the new food hall, and entertainment) located at S. Durango and the Beltway, directly across the street from the new Durango Hotel-Casino.



Lucky Predictions for March 2024

ARIES: March 21 to April 19

1st thru 6th... Great bet the 3<sup>rd</sup>!  
7th thru 12th... Born to win the 12<sup>th</sup>\$\$  
13th thru 18th... Good on GREEN 15<sup>th</sup>\$\$  
19th thru 24th... RED hot win 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>!  
25th thru 31st... Someplace new 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20

1st thru 6th... Many times over the 5<sup>th</sup>!\$\$  
7th thru 12th... Cha-CHING 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>\$\$  
13th thru 18th... Must play 2 win 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>!  
19th thru 24th... Sensibility conquers 23<sup>rd</sup>!\$  
25th thru 31st... None of this is for you

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21

1st thru 6th... Hold that thought  
7th thru 12th... Optimal the 8<sup>th</sup>!  
13th thru 18th... GO w/GREEN the 16<sup>th</sup>\$  
19th thru 24th... See & believe 21<sup>st</sup>\$  
25th thru 31st... Unique chances 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>!

CANCER: June 22 to July 22

1st thru 6th... Early on the 1<sup>st</sup>\$  
7th thru 12th... Dream materializes 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>\$\$  
13th thru 18th... Money likes U 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>\$\$  
19th thru 24th... Perfect day the 23<sup>rd</sup>!  
25th thru 31st... Big-time wins 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>!

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22

1st thru 6th... Ready, set, WIN 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>!  
7th thru 12th... All about the 11<sup>th</sup>\$  
13th thru 18th... Play hard but smart 16<sup>th</sup>!  
19th thru 24th... Best of times the 21<sup>st</sup>!\$  
25th thru 31st... RED calls it 31<sup>st</sup>\$\$

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

1st thru 6th... Sure win the 5<sup>th</sup>\$\$  
7th thru 12th... Step away from the game  
13th thru 18th... Keep it coming the 13<sup>th</sup>!  
19th thru 24th... Startin’ right 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>!\$\$  
25th thru 31st... Big surprise 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>!\$

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

1st thru 6th... On your game the 3<sup>rd</sup>\$  
7th thru 12th... You got this, 7th-8<sup>th</sup>  
13th thru 18th... Many choices 15<sup>th</sup>\$\$  
19th thru 24th... Get it done the 21<sup>st</sup>  
25th thru 31st... Nothing to see here

SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21

1st thru 6th... Right on track the 5<sup>th</sup>\$\$  
7th thru 12th... BLUE brings \$\$ the 9<sup>th</sup>  
13th thru 18th... Make it count 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>!\$  
19th thru 24th... Far ahead 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>!\$  
25th thru 31st... It’s your call 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>\$

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

1st thru 6th... Odds in yr favor the 2<sup>nd</sup>\$\$  
7th thru 12th... Electrifying! 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>\$  
13th thru 18th... Super choices the 15<sup>th</sup>\$  
19th thru 24th... Lookin’ good 21<sup>st</sup>!  
25th thru 31st... Let’s wait

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

1st thru 6th... You’ve got it made the 5<sup>th</sup>!  
7th thru 12th... Much to celebrate 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>!\$  
13th thru 18th... Hunch is right the 13<sup>th</sup>!  
19th thru 24th... It’s a snap 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>!  
25th thru 31st... Maybe, late the 28<sup>th</sup>\$\$

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

1st thru 6th... A leg up the 3<sup>rd</sup>\$  
7th thru 12th... Holy smokes! 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>\$\$  
13th thru 18th... Luckiest the 16<sup>th</sup>\$  
19th thru 24th... Great thinking 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
25th thru 31st... Reach for it 26<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>!\$

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20

1st thru 6th... Solid wins 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>!\$  
7th thru 12th... Great weekend 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>!  
13th thru 18th... A big step ahead 13<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>!  
19th thru 24th... Better days ahead  
25th thru 31st... Look at you 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>!

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



Horoscopes for March 2024

**ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20):** Ask yourself how you could benefit by trying to conform this month. Your usual MO is to buck trends and push through boundaries. But come the full Moon on the 25th, concessions are necessary. Blend in and seek camaraderie with like-minded rebels.  
**Lucky Days:** 10 - 30  
**Lucky Numbers:** 5 - 18

**TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21):** Because routine is hardwired into your nature, you’ll want to preserve the impulse to conserve while radically changing up your routines—especially those ready for an overhaul. This doesn’t have to mean earth-shattering upheaval. Start small. Make your changes step by step.  
**Lucky Days:** 8 - 13  
**Lucky Numbers:** 44 - 46

**GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21):** Friction in your environment is providing you with a wake-up call. What’s going on? You’re being challenged to set aside your rational approach and take a walk on the wild side. Put your imagination to work constructively. Pay attention to how your dreams and fancies can guide your reality.  
**Lucky Days:** 4 - 21  
**Lucky Numbers:** 9 - 38

**CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22):** The full Moon on the 25th highlights the need to step outside your safety zone. Comfort can rejuvenate only after you’ve invested energy into an effort that demands all your mental and emotional force—and you have a surfeit of both now; but pace yourself. **Lucky Days:** 22 - 25  
**Lucky Numbers:** 5 - 49

**LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23):** What surprising tactic can you employ to reach your long-term objectives? Let this question guide you into the spring, where you’ll be required to be on top of your game in the originality department. Do the opposite of what you’re expected to. After the dust settles, you’ll feel renewed.  
**Lucky Days:** 7 - 22  
**Lucky Numbers:** 35 - 55

**PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20):** If there’s one month this year that best highlights your ability to ground the fantastical into a real-world happening, it’s March. How can you relate a recent dream to a current problem? Ask yourself this question on the 25th’s full Moon—solutions will appear from unlikely sources.  
**Lucky Days:** 2 - 4  
**Lucky Numbers:** 9 - 19

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

**SCRAMBLER ANSWER:** 1. Prized 2. Sweet 3. Simple 4. Kidnap  
**Today's Word:** SNEEZED

**JUMBLES:** RAINY VALID ORATOR VELVET  
**Answer:** He practiced the high jump — OVER AND OVER

**HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES:** 1. Newspaper is longer. 2. Hat is larger. 3. Lapel is missing. 4. File cabinet is taller. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Jacket sleeve is shorter.

**CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:** Today carve out a quiet interlude for yourself in which to dream, pen in hand. Only dreams give birth to change. — Sarah Ban Breathnach

**BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

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More information about Edgewater Casino Resort can be found at [www.edgewater-casino.com](http://www.edgewater-casino.com).



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