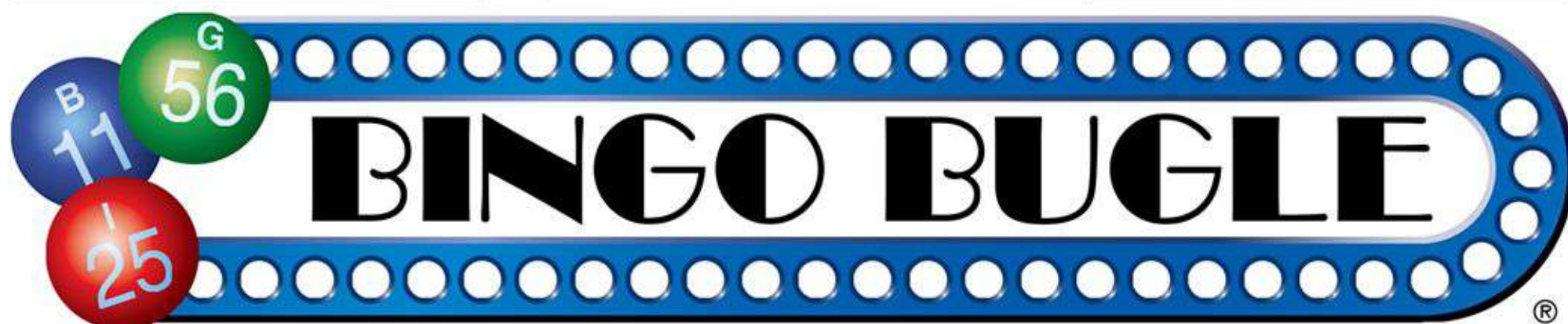




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It was a lucky evening for Karen! Playing in the 7 PM session at **Palace Station Hotel and Casino**, she hit the Cashball jackpot for \$21,745. Congratulations on an incredible bingo moment!



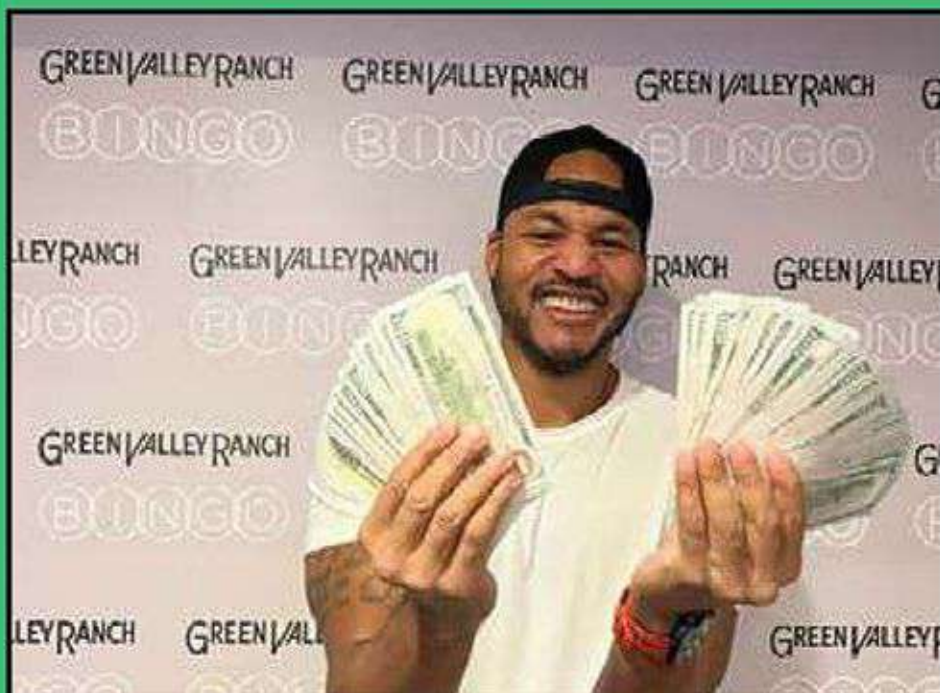
It was an eventful Independence Day for lucky Vegas local Sa'Tyee, who hit the Dual Daub jackpot for \$39,827 at **Sam's Town Hotel and Gambling Hall** on July 4.

BIG WINNER AT RED ROCK!



Congratulations to Frances, who hit the 3 PM Cash Ball at **Red Rock**, winning \$10,498 on Paper! Frances is pictured celebrating with her husband, Ken. The couple are well-known favorites among Red Rock's guests, and we're thrilled to see them take home this fantastic win. Way to go, Frances and Ken!

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Fighting Back Against Rising Food Prices

This week I scored a grocery discount of \$5.21, plus over \$6 in free groceries by using the store coupons. Added to that was \$12 in free items I took to the local food bank. All of this is because I signed up for another grocery store's customer loyalty card.

It took a few weeks, but eventually the store's computer figured out my favorite brands and items I routinely purchased, and turned those into discount coupons. It included free items to get me to sample different brands.

And then there's the food bank donation. It feels good, when you're only a short step from needing that service yourself, to be able to give to those who have even less. The free items offered by the grocery store coupons can help beef up the supplies they have at the food bank, and in some cases might even be treats for those who can't afford them. I thought about that when I grabbed the mega oversize candy bar offered with a free coupon: Somebody's kids might not have had sweets in a very long time.

And then there are our own pantries. For so long stores couldn't get certain items. Once those were in stock again, some of us grabbed several extra, just in case. Now some of those items are once again not in stock, but for the most part they are. And now we have extra in our kitchen cabinets. It's time to look at expiration dates and consider the reality: Will we really use up four boxes of pasta in the next month before they expire? If not, perhaps they could be donated to the food bank.

If grocery prices are going to keep rising and rising, this is one way to fight back.

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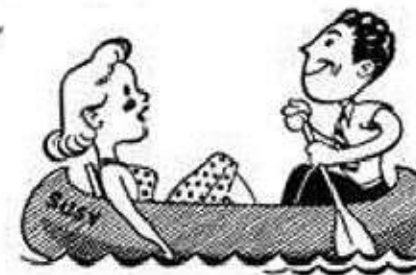
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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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7 letters = 5 points	21-30 = Rookie
8 letters = 10 points	11-20 = Amateur
9+ letters = 15 points	0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them? Find **AT LEAST SIX COLORS** in the grid of letters.



Summer, Spending And Savings

For the majority of Americans, summer 2026 stands to be one of the priciest couple of months to date.

The latest Consumer Price Index shows that prices have gone up 3.8% (excl. food and energy prices) in the last year and online prices have climbed even higher for consumers. According to Proflitero, an eCommerce analytics company, online prices are 4.6% higher than the start of last summer.

As parents finalize their summer plans, from summer camps and recreational sports leagues for the kids to prepping for long-awaited family vacations, they'll need to shop around for deals and keep a close eye on price if they want to minimize cost on popular summer products. This is especially true as pricing for the sports and outdoor products are up 4.2% on average compared to last June.

Where can you find the best deals on summer gear? While it's always best to shop around, it's good to first start your shopping at the lowest price retailer. Analytics company Proflitero recently compared pricing on summer and outdoor gear at three major U.S. retailers, Amazon, Walmart and Target, and Amazon's prices across the sports and outdoor category are 2% cheaper than the prices online at Walmart, and 9% cheaper than Target.

Other advice for finding the best deal: •Sign up for loyalty programs such as Prime, Target Circle and Walmart+ for member pricing, special perks and additional savings opportunities.

•Plan to do the bulk of your shopping around retailer promotional events.

•Check online prices often as many retailers update and adjust pricing daily.

Heed these hints and you and your family can enjoy this summer season without having to open your wallet too wide.

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THE MIDDLETONS

By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers



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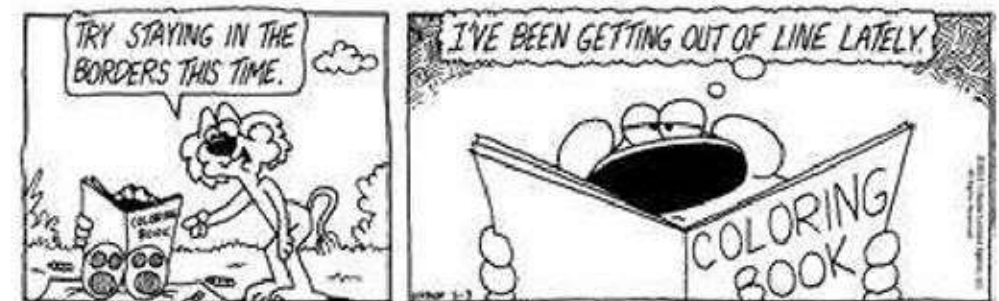
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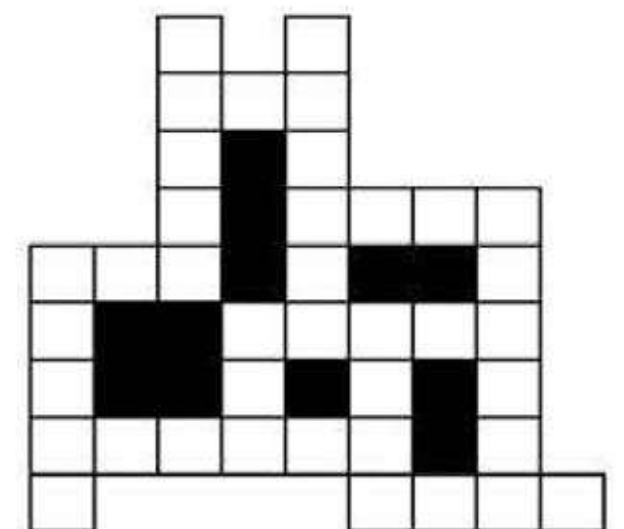
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Medal or trophy	--- D ---	Cognizant	--- E ---
2. Food cupboard	--- N ---	Insignificant	--- L ---
3. Actress Belle	--- S ---	Goliath's foe	--- D ---
4. Scour	--- C ---	Bush	--- H ---
5. Pledge 10%	--- H ---	Deed	--- L ---
6. Artist Wood	--- R ---	Titan	--- I ---
7. Chatty crow	--- P ---	Homer's youngest	--- G ---
8. Complete disarray	--- O ---	Cowboy leggings	--- P ---
9. Make haste	--- U ---	Wizard Potter	--- A ---
10. Park officer	--- A ---	Horseshoes score	--- I ---

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GUD
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♥ LANGE
♥ REEW
GWIDNA
MLA
WRGE
♥ DERDA
♥ WNA
♥ GEMRIA
HECWN
♥ ERGA



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.



Have Outdoor Grill Fest Fun With Family and Friends

Relaxing weekends are made just for gathering people together for a picnic at a city park or right on your own turf. A family-style get-together can kick off this season with a superlative gathering including the people you know and want to get to know.

Keep it low-key and relax in the knowledge that being together with family, friends and newcomers in your community is the key ingredient that makes an event especially fun and memorable. Of course, some of the basics like burgers and potato salad might be essential to your gathering, but conversations, giggles, hugs, off-kilter moments, and laughter become the lasting impressions that children cherish.

Here are some ideas for prepping a grill fest for all ages:

Get Everyone Involved: Once you decide on a place and time, divide prep responsibilities for salads, veggies, grilling, desserts, games and entertainment among individuals and

families. For example, if cousin Jessica plays the guitar, ask her to bring it along for a rousing songfest. If Uncle Pete plays the fiddle, you'll no doubt get everyone dancing with his music. Get kids' assistance in shucking corn (match tasks to the appropriate ages and skill levels), or encourage others to stage a humorous play or a bicycle-and pet parade.

Beverage Center: Fill a small kiddie pool with bags of crushed ice. Bury canned sodas, juices, sparkling water, watermelon and water balloons in the ice. While the drinks and fruit stay chilled, the balloons will be ready for some cool-down wet fun after the meal.

Fun and Games: Create an atmosphere of activity with active games to play. Setting equipment out encourages people to participate and interact. Bring your ping pong table outside and create a toumney grid to keep players and fans engaged in lively competition. Set out a bubble brew with bubblers, chalk for hopscotch, jump ropes, and baseball gloves. Why not even play a round or two of musical chairs?

Grill Fest Pics: Snap some candid group photos with people posed in a large empty frame, hanging from a tree branch.

Plant a Family Tree: Do you have a favorite picnicking spot? Somewhere at Aunt Chloe's vineyard or in your grandfather's backyard? Plant a "family tree" in honor of a loved one at the location you choose and watch it grow over the years -- right along with the children who planted it.

Donna Erickson creates relationships and community through food and fun. Find more to nourish and delight you at www.donnaerickson.com.

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Bingo Buddy Lunch

Dear Annie,

I am having my Bingo buddies over for lunch later this summer. I would like to serve a cold soup and a salad that I can make in advance. Can you make some suggestions? Thanks.

Jennie Sue from Kingsport, Tennessee

Dear Jennie Sue,

I have a great recipe for a honeydew soup. I also have an Italian salad recipe that is prepared ahead of time. I might suggest that you serve garlic bread and the dessert of your choice. I am sure your Bingo friends will enjoy your luncheon. Hope you enjoy both recipes! —Annie

CHILLED HONEYDEW AND MINT SOUP

1 large honeydew melon
½ cup fresh mint leaves
1/3 c. fresh lime juice
2 tablespoons honey
12 very thin lime slices
12 sprigs fresh mint for garnish
Salt

Seed, peel and cut the melon into bite-size pieces. In a large bowl, combine the melon, mint leaves, lime juice and honey. Process this mixture in batches in a blender on a high speed, about two to three minutes for each batch. Place in a container, cover and chill for two to three hours. Taste the soup; add more lime juice and salt, to taste. Serve in individual soup bowls, garnish with a slice of lime and a sprig of fresh mint. Serves 12.

ITALIAN TOSSED SALAD

1 large bunch fresh broccoli, cut-up
½ pound Swiss cheese, cut into cubes
1 ½ pounds fresh mushrooms, sliced
¼ cup pepperoni, thinly sliced
1 large bottle Newman's Family Recipe Italian salad dressing

Toss and marinate with the salad dressing for at least 24 hours before serving. Serves 12.

Even Exchange answers

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Award, Aware | 6. Grant, Giant |
| 2. Pantry, Paltry | 7. Magpie, Maggie |
| 3. Davis, David | 8. Chaos, Chaps |
| 4. Scrub, Shrub | 9. Hurry, Harry |
| 5. Tithe, Title | 10. Ranger, Ringer |

BINGO LAND

NEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

WalkBike Bingo in Iowa

Eight-year-old Iva Maxon was the winner of this year's WalkBike Bingo, earning \$50 in Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce Chamber Dollars after completing the activity as part of WalkBike Month. WalkBike Bingo was organized through the Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission's (UERPC) Safe Routes to School program in partnership with the Decorah Public Library to encourage youth and families to walk and bike throughout the community. Iva and her younger sister were among the participants who completed a bingo card by taking part in a variety of active transportation challenges. Activities included smiling at someone while on a walk, biking to a destination instead of driving and performing the "ABC" bicycle safety check before riding. According to Iva's mother, Margareta Maxon, the challenge encouraged the family to get their bikes and helmets ready for summer and reinforced that walking or biking to destinations often takes little more time than driving. Organizers thanked the many families who participated in the program and the community partners who helped launch a summer of active transportation.

Ohio Houseplant Bingo Pop-Up

Tipp Monroe Community Services (TMCS), in partnership with Always Blooming, hosted a sold-out House Plant Bingo Pop-Up this past June, raising enough money to send 27 local fifth-grade students to Camp Kern through the TMCS Camp Kern Scholarship Fund. More than 100 guests filled the Monroe Township Building basement for an

evening of bingo, houseplants, door prizes and community fun. Participants competed to win a variety of plants while supporting a program that helps ensure local children can experience Camp Kern regardless of financial circumstances. "We were thrilled with the overwhelming support from the community," said Misty McDowell, TMCS event coordinator. "The event was not only a lot of fun, but it also made a real difference for local families. Because of the generosity of our attendees, sponsors and volunteers, 27 fifth graders will have the opportunity to experience Camp Kern."

Bird Bingo

Discover Victoria invited local birdwatchers to join a Texas Bird Bingo challenge designed specifically for the Victoria area. According to the organization, the bingo card features 24 birds that participants can spot around the city. Birdwatchers can mark off each bird they see with an "X," check mark or other symbol. Completing a row in any direction earns a bingo. Participants who complete their card will receive a free Texas Bird Bingo sticker. To claim the prize, completed cards must be emailed to the address listed on the card along with the participant's name and email. Two participants will also be randomly selected to win a half-day Hill Country excursion. Discover Victoria is also hosting a drawing for bingo players. To be entered into the Discover Victoria drawing, fill out the link and submit a photo of your card on the website. The bingo card is available for download online or can be picked up at the Discover Victoria Texas Information Center.



Grow herbs for baking

TUSCAN

Try rosemary, basil, thyme or oregano and pair with garlic and parmesan.

PROVINCIAL

Try tarragon, savory, fennel, basil, thyme, rosemary or lavender.

GREEK

Oregano, marjoram, dill or mint and pair with lemon and peppers.

Source: davesgardens.com

— Brenda Weaver



Aquarius and Edgewater Casino Resorts Pay Out More Than \$3.4 Million in June Jackpots

California guest takes home more than \$1.5 million on \$3 Wheel of Fortune bet

LAUGHLIN, Nev. — July 9, 2026 — Golden Entertainment's Laughlin properties, Aquarius Casino Resort and Edgewater Casino Resort, awarded players a combined \$3,417,408 in jackpots throughout June, highlighted by one lucky guest's \$1,527,942 jackpot.

The month's standout win came on Friday, June 19, when Edgar B. of Lake Elsinore, California, won a \$1,527,942 jackpot on the popular penny denomination Wheel of Fortune slot machine after making a \$3 bet.

Beyond Edgar's impressive win, players celebrated big payouts across both properties. Aquarius accounted for \$2,751,548 in jackpots during the month. Edgewater awarded \$639,814 in slot payouts, while the Bingo Room paid out an additional \$26,046.

Players seeking their next big win are encouraged to sign up for True Rewards, Golden Entertainment's rewards program. Members receive benefits such as increased point multipliers, prizes including cash and free slot play, and eligibility for select tournaments and special events.

For more information, visit the Aquarius website at AquariusCasinoResort.com or the Edgewater website at Edgewater-Casino.com.

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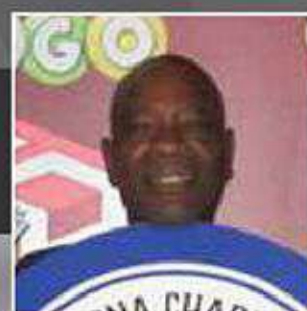
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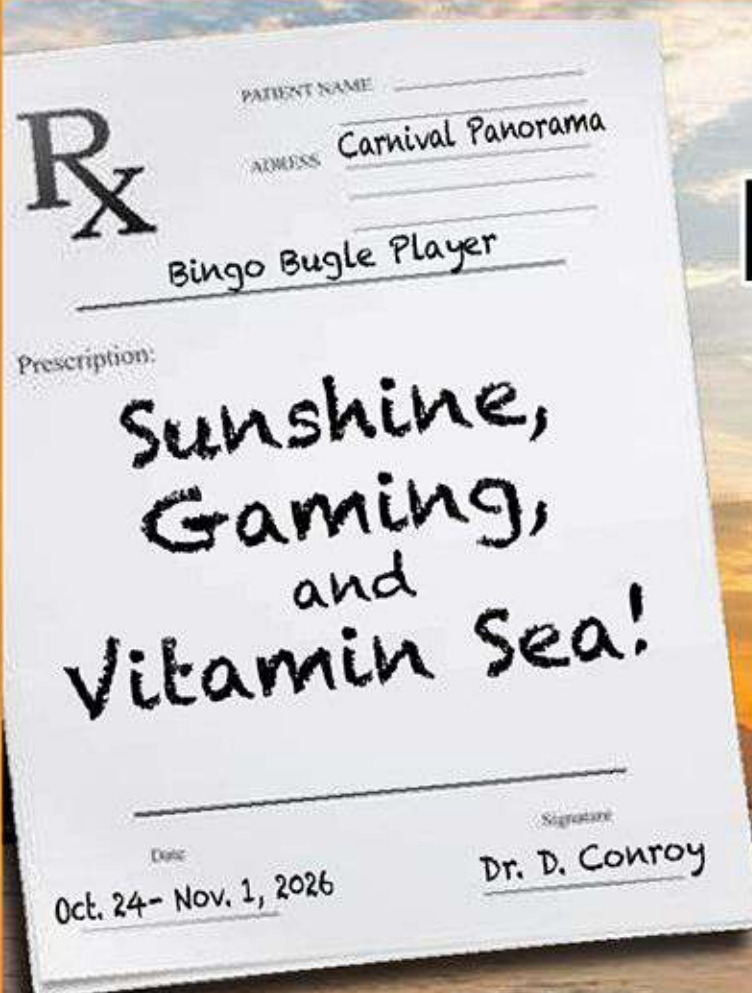
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Sunday, August 16 - 7:00pm - 5X \$1,000 Coveralls
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Bingo on 8 gets TRIPLE PAY, Bingo on any other
number ending in 8 gets DOUBLE PAY!

2X - \$1,000 COVERALLS
Saturdays, August 1, 8 & 22 - 6:00pm
\$5,000 SUPER SESSION
Saturdays, August 15 & 29 - 6:00pm



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Gaming News

Casinos.com Searches for Luck
Casinos.com analyzed 830,250 TripAdvisor reviews about 108 major U.S. casinos, searching for "20 luck and reward-related keywords"—luck, lucky, jackpot, hand pay, bonus, won, etc. They found 137,176 citations of the keywords, then refined and adjusted the survey through a statistical technique (based on Bayes' Theorem) to account for anomalies. Phew. Anyway, the casino that earned the top spot as luckiest for players was Seminole Hard Rock Tampa, which garnered 323.6 luck mentions per 1,000 reviews out of 1,869 reviews).

Surveying Sports Betting
Though prediction markets get most of the ink around sports betting nowadays, sometimes the exploding industry itself garners some attention. A crop of recent stories is a case in point. First, a new national poll finds more Americans oppose sports betting than approve of it. An Overton Insights survey on political and public-policy issues queried nearly 1,400 people about their opinions on sports betting and overall, 47% were opposed, 31% were in support, and 22%

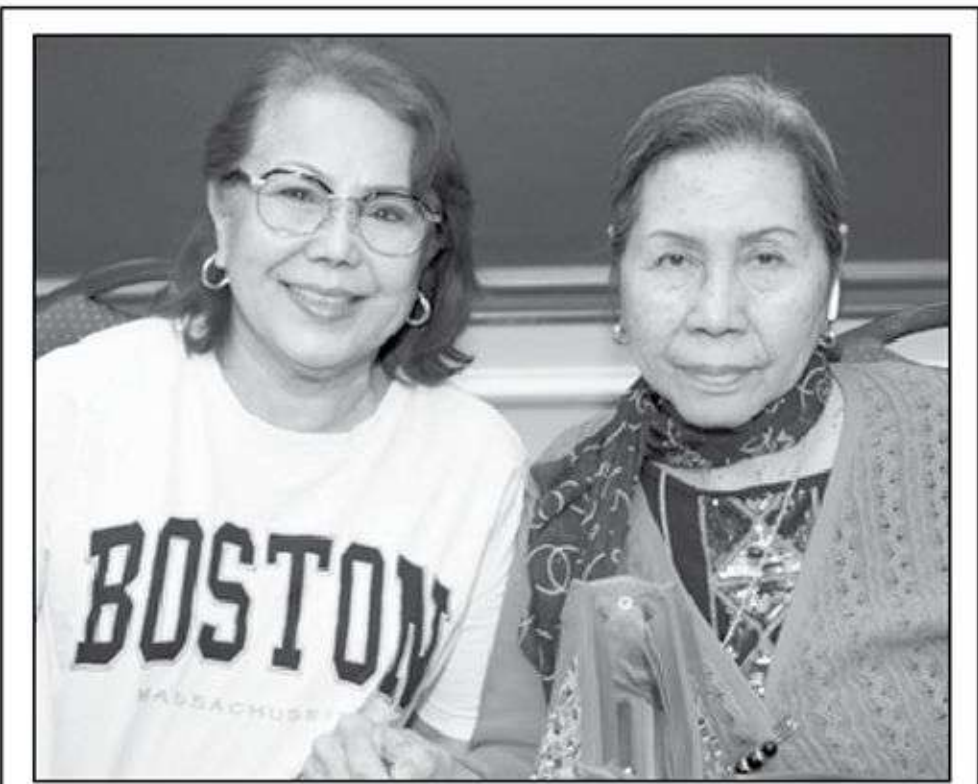
Ladies Night – A Tribute to Kool & The Gang Coming to The Club at Cannery on Oct. 16, 2026

Tickets are now available for purchase

Ladies Night – A Tribute to Kool & The Gang is bringing its high-energy, electrifying performance to The Club at Cannery on Friday, Oct. 16. Delivering a universal sound that spans R&B classics, pop, old-school funk, hip-hop and a touch of Motown, this powerhouse six-piece band will keep audiences out of their seats. Every performance is a captivating, live experience guaranteed to bring non-stop fun and iconic grooves from the first note to the last.

Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$24.95 plus tax and fees and can be purchased by visiting Ticketmaster.com, cannery.boydgaming.com or in person at Cannery or any other Boyd property retail giftshop. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the show (depending upon availability) at the venue box office.

Where: The Club at the Cannery, located at 2121 E Craig Rd, North Las Vegas, NV 89030



Winners and friends both (L-R) Suey W. and Wilai S. came to play bingo at Sam's Town and both won! Suey took home \$573 and Wilai \$225! Way to go!

didn't know (or didn't care). Next, an opinion piece on Futurism.com delves into the latest college sports betting scandal: the Texas Tech star quarterback's suspension over "hundreds of bets worth \$90,000, including on games he was playing in." The conclusion is in the headline: "Sports Betting Scandals Are Tearing College Football Apart." Finally, there's the spectacle of UFC Freedom 250 (a.k.a. UFC White House), the mixed martial arts event held on the South Lawn of the White House. Obviously, this is the first time the White House has ever hosted a wagering event.

\$18 Billion Bid for MGM Resorts
On the heels of billionaire Tilman Fertitta's so-far successful buyout of Caesars Entertainment, billionaire media mogul Bary Diller has tendered a bid to buy MGM Resorts. Diller's company, People Inc., already owns 26.1% of the stock, having invested in MGM steadily over the past six years. Calling the company "wildly undervalued," Diller has offered to buy the other 74% at a 10% premium on the most recent closing price (which is up 15% this morning on the news).

Gold Spike Changes Hands
The Gold Spike, once Las Vegas' ultimate downtown dive, made the news back in 2017 when Tony Hsieh bought it for \$27 million, eliminated the casino, and (tried to) turn it into a "nightlife and entertainment destination, featuring live music, special events, bars, lounges, and arcade-style games," as we wrote at the time. Under Hsieh's benign neglect approach, not much happened. Now, the Gold Spike has been sold again to two local real estate investors for \$11.4 million, around 40% of what Hsieh paid for it. The sale, according to the Review-Journal, includes the "Gold Spike entertainment complex," the adjacent Oasis hotel, and the parking lot. No word on what the developers' plans might be for the property.



Strange BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver
In Tikrit, Iraq, there's a 6-foot-tall monument of a shoe that journalist Muntadhar al-Zeidi threw at then-President George W. Bush.
Researchers were able to mimic the voice of a 3,000-year-old Egyptian mummy by re-creating much of its vocal tract using medical scanners, 3D printing and an electronic larynx. The mummy had little to say, however, even after all that time, as they produced just a single sound somewhere between the vowels in "bed" and "bad."
A study by psychologists found that when 4- to 6-year-olds pretended to be Batman while doing a boring but important task, it helped them resist distraction and stay more focused. (We're trying this the next time we wash the dishes.)
Tootsie Rolls were added to soldiers' rations in World War II due to their ability to withstand all weather conditions.
In medieval games of chess, pawns that had been promoted to a queen were given the title of "adviser," so as to not imply that the king had more than one queen or was guilty of adultery!
Those tears you see in the Tin Man's eyes in The Wizard of Oz were made of chocolate syrup, as machine oil didn't photograph well.
Ancient Egyptians loved their cats so much that household members would shave their eyebrows as a sign of mourning when the cat died. Mourning ended when their brows had grown back.
Details at https://tinyurl.com/dawn-before-darkness.

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BROOM-HILDA



By Russell Myers



QUESTIONS
1. Which band originally called themselves The Young Aborigines?
2. What part did Meatloaf play in The Rocky Horror Picture Show film?
3. Name the group that went through names such as Feedback and The Hype before settling on their final name.
4. Which Donna Summer song was used in the film Thank God It's Friday?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Please lock me away, and don't allow the day, Here inside where I hide with my loneliness."

ANSWERS
1. The Beastie Boys. They once claimed that BEASTIE was an acronym for "Boys Entering Anarchistic States Towards Inner Excellence," but later admitted they'd come up with that after they already had the Beastie name.
2. He played Eddie, the ex-delivery boy.
3. U2. Out of all names they considered, this was the one they disliked the least. U2 appeared on Rolling Stone magazine's "the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time, coming in at No. 22 on both the 2004 and 2011 lists.
4. Last Dance, in 1978.
5. A World Without Love, by Peter and Gordon, in 1964. The duo's first single, taken from their debut album, was written by Paul McCartney when he was 16 years old.

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HOLLYWOOD by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Robert Pattinson has to be one of the busiest actors in films today. After the release of The Odyssey on July 17, he's now waiting for Dune: Part Three to hit screens on Dec.18. He'll follow these up with Netflix's Here Comes the Flood, co-starring Denzel Washington and Daisy Edgar-Jones.
As if this wasn't enough, he's currently in preproduction for The Batman: Part II. Jeffrey Wright, Andy Serkis, Colin Farrell, Barry Keoghan and Charles Dance are returning, while Sebastian Stan, Scarlett Johansson, and Brian Tyree Henry are joining the cast. It started shooting this month for an October 2027 opening.

Julia Roberts will produce and star in Home Economics, which is based on the forthcoming novel by Katy Hays. But before this, we'll see her thriller Panic Carefully with Eddie Redmayne and Brian Tyree Henry in February 2027. Redmayne can still be seen in Peacock's series The Day of the Jackal.

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COFFEE BREAK!

BINGO BUGLE CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues:
ACROSS: 1 Choose, 4 Scale amts., 7 Diving duck, 8 Diner workers, 10 Dijon darling, 11 Removes, as a brooch, 13 Winter Olympics event, 16 "— Clear Day", 17 Bolivian city, 18 "Ualalume" writer, 19 Favorites, 20 Roman emperor, 21 Drivers with handles, 23 Battery part, 25 Persia, today, 26 "What's — for me?", 27 Lincoln or Ford, 28 Accord maker, 30 Baseball execs, 33 2016 Best Picture nominee, 36 Net defender, 37 Separated, 38 Island near Java, 39 Apple variety, 40 Tax form ID, 41 Reply (Abbr.), 9 Took potshots, 12 Corp. money manager, 14 Napper's racket, 15 Earth (Pref.), 19 Calligrapher's instrument, 20 Word of denial, 21 007 portrayer, 22 Daniel, 23 French, 24 actress, 25 "The King —", 26 Falls on, 27 the U.S./Canadian border, 28 German pronoun, 29 Draw a conclusion, 30 Big wheels at sea, 31 Leek's kin, 32 Metric measures, 33 Retired jet, 34 Lectern locale, 35 "Once — a time ..."

MAGIC MAZE

MAGIC MAZE • WORDS WITH THREE R'S
EQOLIGDBYWTRPMK
WICTFRORROHYDBY
WAA(ELDERBERRY)US
QORRMDOKKAEIFTD
BMRRRDZXRGWUSEQ
OIIOIENTNOLJHRF
DRERCOIIRAWYWRV
TRRSQBRPRPONNLIK
ROTARRANRIPHOF
CREAECBZYAWEVURU
SRQDPNMLJIHHRFI
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: A MISTAKE
Arbitrary Carrier Corridor Derringer Elderberry Harrier Horror Ironworker Mirror Narrator Reorder Report Terrier Terror Warrior

HOCUS-FOCUS

Two panels of a cartoon showing a man and a woman in a kitchen. Text: Find at least six differences in details between panels. FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

SUDOKU

Sudoku grid by Linda Thistle. Text: Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine. DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

SCRAMBLERS

SCRAMBLERS
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!
Puncture CREEPI, Soft LIPTAN, Call NECKBO, Weapon BEARS. TODAY'S WORD

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. BEAVO, FYEHT, FRIDTA, CRIWEK. Answer here: [grid]. " [grid] "
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

CryptoQuote
AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.
DW DAHAVU AU EA2T AI UVK
DTFTEW KV IHFGACT, XHK KV
KMFACT: OUB KV BV IV NAKM
IVDT ROHAVU, IVDT JVDROIHAVU,
IVDT MHDVF, OUB IVDT IKWET.

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS NOW ON ASTROLOGY PAGE

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
10AM SESSION
15 GAMES PAYING \$300
1ST CHANCE \$3K,
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\$50 MIN BUY-IN

**BIGGER BLUES,
BETTER WINS**
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FRIDAYS
11AM, 1PM, 5PM & 9PM

CRUISE DRAWING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
7PM SESSION
WIN A CRUISE FOR 2!
EARN ENTRIES NOW-AUGUST 23
5 LUCKY WINNERS

**BOULDER
STATION.**

MIMOSA MIXER
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
11AM SESSION
\$1,900 IN PAYOUTS, LIVE DJ AND
DESIGNER PURSE GIVEAWAY
MINIMUM BUY-IN \$40

**\$10,000
BINGO BASH**
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
11AM SESSION
10 GAMES PAY \$400 AND 4 COVERALLS
FOR \$1,500 EACH MINIMUM BUY-IN \$60
WITH AN ENTRY

**CRAZY FOR
\$10,000
CASH BALLS**
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
1PM SESSION
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14
3PM SESSION
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
7PM SESSION
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
5PM SESSION

**SANTA FE
STATION.**

**ROCK SHOT BINGO
Y2K!**
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
9PM SESSION

GUARANTEED
\$10,000
CASH BALL
WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 5
7PM SESSION
STAYS UNTIL IT PAYS

\$1,000
GUARANTEED COVERALLS
DAILY
1PM & 7PM SESSIONS

**PALACE
STATION.**

\$2,500
BONUS CASH BALL
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
7PM SESSION
STAYS UNTIL IT PAYS

**COVERALL
MADNESS**
AUGUST 8 & 22
1PM & 9PM SESSIONS
REGULAR PAY + FOUR \$500 COVERALLS

TRIPLE ACTION
TUESDAYS &
THURSDAYS
11AM & 7PM SESSIONS
GAMES 4, 8, 10 & 12 PAY TRIPLE

ALL PAPER

**SUNSET
STATION**
HOTEL & CASINO

**BINGO WITH
THE BOSSES**
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
3PM SESSION
EARN TRIPLE PAY GAMES THE BOSSES CALL
AND GUARANTEED \$10,000 CASH BALL!

\$7,500
MEGA SESSION
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
3PM SESSION
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NOW-AUGUST 29

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
3PM SESSION
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1PM & 9PM SESSIONS
GUARANTEED THREE \$1,000 COVERALLS

**TRIPLE PAY
DAILY**
3PM SESSION
SELECT GAMES PAY TRIPLE
7PM SESSION
TRIPLE PAY ALL THE WAY

**\$10,000
SUPER SESSION**
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
3PM SESSION
GAMES PAY \$250-\$1,000
EARN FREE PACKS
NOW-AUGUST 28

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Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Travel Discounts

Dear Savvy Senior, My husband and I are retiring later this year and hope to travel more while we're still healthy and active. Our budget will be tighter—so every dollar counts. Are there worthwhile senior travel discounts you can tell us about, and at what age do they begin? —Ready to Roam

Dear Ready, Retirement is the perfect time to start checking destinations off your wish list. Senior travel discounts can make a real difference. Whether it's airfare, hotels, cruises, train tickets or attractions, the savings can add up—sometimes hundreds of dollars per trip—if you know where to look and compare.

To qualify, you'll need to meet the age requirement, which varies by company. Some start as early as 50, but most don't kick in until 55, 60, 62 or 65. Knowing these benchmarks helps you plan and save as soon as you're eligible.

Ways to Save One of the best ways to uncover senior travel deals is through membership organizations. AARP, with membership starting at 50, offers the deepest travel discounts, including savings on hotels, rental cars, cruises and vacation packages. AAA also provides travel-planning services and member savings on lodging and car rentals to adults of any age.

Another simple but often overlooked strategy is to ask. Many hotels, tours and attractions don't advertise senior discounts but may offer one if you inquire. Keep in mind, though, that the "senior rate" isn't always the lowest price. Promotional sales, advance-purchase fares and seasonal specials can sometimes be cheaper, so compare before booking.

Flexibility is another powerful money-saving tool. Traveling midweek, avoiding peak holidays, booking during shoulder seasons, or adjusting your dates slightly can significantly lower costs. You may also find last-minute deals on cruises, rail trips and guided tours, especially during slower travel

periods when companies are eager to fill unsold space.

Here's a rundown of some different discount deals currently available:

Airlines: Senior airfare discounts are less common than they once were, but some still exist. AARP members can get discounts on select British Airways flights, about \$65 off economy and up to \$200 off business class. United and Delta may offer limited senior fares, usually for travelers 65 and older, on select routes if booked by phone or using "Senior" search tools. Loyalty programs can also add value through free checked bags or seat upgrades.

Trains: Amtrak offers about 10% off for travelers 65-plus on many routes, with some cross-border discounts starting at 60. Rail passes and multi-city tickets may provide additional savings.

Rental cars: AARP members can save up to 30% with companies like Avis and Budget, often with perks like a free additional driver and reduced rates on optional coverage. Hertz offers discounts through its 50 Plus Program.

Hotels & lodging: Many hotel brands offer senior or AARP rates, typically 10 to 15% off. Examples include Wyndham Hotels & Resorts (Days Inn, Ramada, Super 8, La Quinta), Best Western, Choice Hotels (Comfort Inn, Quality Inn), Cambria, and Rodeway Inn. Booking directly or through AARP usually ensures the rate.

Cruises: Some lines offer discounted fares for travelers 55-plus on select sailings, including Royal Caribbean, Carnival, Norwegian, MSC, and Viking River Cruises. AARP members may receive additional onboard credits through affiliated providers. Off-peak sailings often provide the best value.

Restaurants: Many chains offer senior menus, complimentary beverages, or percentage discounts for ages 55 or 60-plus, including Applebee's, Arby's, Burger King, Chili's, Chick-fil-A, Denny's, IHOP, Boston Market, and CiCi's Pizza. Participation varies by location.

Entertainment & attractions: Museums, theaters, zoos, aquariums, and golf courses often offer reduced admission for seniors 60 or 65-plus. One of the best bargains is the America the Beautiful Senior Pass from the National Park Service. For \$20 per year or \$80 for a lifetime pass (available at 62), it provides access to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites.



Caution with Pocket Kings Averts Disaster

By Jonathan Little

On the second day of a tournament with a \$3,500 buy-in, I elected to play pocket kings cautiously, which resulted in me not going broke in a situation where many other players would have.

With blinds at 500-1,000, I raised to 2,400 out of my 200,000 stack from first position with Kh Kd. A tight, mostly straightforward player sitting in third position thought for a while, messed around with his chips in an odd way, then three-bet to 6,300 out of his 130,000 stack. Everyone else folded.

I learned from Zach Elwood's chapter in my book, *Excelling at No-Limit Hold'em*, that when people take a long time to make a decision and then act in a somewhat bizarre manner, they typically have an abnormally strong range. While K-K is certainly a strong value hand, I decided to call instead of raise, fearing the worst.

The flop came 10h 7c 4s. I checked, and my opponent checked behind.

At this point, I assumed he had A-K, A-Q or some other unpaired hand. He could have had an overpair, but I assumed that if he did, he would have continuation-bet for value. He also could have had 10-10 or 7-7 for a set, but there are very few combinations of those hands, and I thought he would have value-

bet either of those as well. Some other hands he might have checked behind with were A-10, J-10 and 9-9, although I didn't think he would make a preflip three-bet with any of those.

The turn was the 8h. Because I thought my opponent's range consisted of unpaired hands and made hands much more than mine, I bet 6,500 for value. Much to my surprise, my opponent quickly raised to 20,000.

I assumed he was trying to "buy" a free showdown with a hand such as J-J or A-10. I also thought he may have viewed my small turn bet as weak -- which wasn't the case, since I would have bet the same amount with any of the holdings I wanted to bet. Reraising wasn't an option; I wanted to minimize my losses in case I happened to be up against A-A or a set. So, I simply called.

The river was the 3h. I checked, and my opponent immediately checked behind.

I assumed I had won against a worse overpair, top pair or a random bluff, but my opponent proudly tabled A-A after seeing my K-K.

If my opponent had bet the river instead of checking, I certainly would have certainly called, because I thought that my small turn bet may have induced him to either bluff or overvalue a worse made hand. While I minimized my losses by just calling my opponent's preflip three-bet, my opponent made a huge blunder by not betting every street.

In tournaments full of recreational poker players, it's important to minimize your losses in "cooler" situations (where you have a strong hand but lose to an even stronger hand) in order to give your opponents additional chances to make errors against you in the future.

Jonathan Little is a professional poker player and coach with more than \$6 million in live tournament earnings. He is also the author of numerous best-selling poker books, including his recent ebook, *The Main Event With Jonathan Little*. For more information on Jonathan, check out JonathanLittlePoker.com, and follow him on Twitter: [@JonathanLittle](https://twitter.com/JonathanLittle).

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Give Pork Chops the Steakhouse Treatment

Let's give the humble pork chop the star treatment. Stuffed with apples and onions and finished with herbs and Dijon mustard, they deliver steakhouse flavor without the steakhouse price tag.

One of the things I love about cooking is its ability to turn ordinary ingredients into something extraordinary. A celebration doesn't come from the price tag attached to the meal. It comes from the thought behind it. A little extra effort can make dinner feel like an occasion.

APPLE & HERB STUFFED PORK CHOPS

Yield: 4 Servings
Total Time: 50 mins.

4 thick-cut pork chops with bone if possible, about 1 1/2 inch thick
2 tablespoons olive oil, plus more as needed

1 teaspoon sea salt, plus more to taste
1 tablespoon butter, or more olive oil

1 apple, Granny Smith or similar, cored and thinly sliced
1 medium sweet onion, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
1 cup panko breadcrumbs
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme or 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, chopped
1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary or 2 teaspoons fresh rosemary, chopped
1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper, plus more to taste
Toothpicks to secure the stuffing

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Using a small sharp knife, cut a deep pocket into the side of each pork chop, being careful not to cut all the way through. Season the chops inside and out with salt. Heat an oven-safe skillet over medium heat. Add the oil and brown the pork chops on both sides, about 4 to 5 minutes per side. If the chops have a fat cap, briefly brown it as well. Transfer to a plate. The centers will still be undercooked.

Add the butter to the skillet. Cook the onion for 2 to 3 minutes until softened. Add the apple and cook until tender. Stir in the vinegar, then add the panko breadcrumbs and cook for 1 minute more. Remove from the heat.

In a small bowl, combine the Dijon mustard, garlic powder, thyme, rosemary and pepper. Spread the mixture over the pork chops and inside the pockets.

Fill each pocket generously with the apple mixture and secure with toothpicks if needed.

Arrange any remaining apple and onion mixture in the center of the skillet and place

the pork chops on top. Cover and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the pork reaches 145 F in the thickest part. Let rest for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

Make It Simpler

Don't feel like stuffing pork chops? No problem! This recipe is just as delicious served without the extra step. Simply skip cutting the pockets and reserve the apple-onion mixture. Before baking, spread the apples and onions into an even layer in the skillet and place the seasoned pork chops on top. Roast as directed until the pork reaches 145 F. You'll get all the same sweet-savory flavor with a little less fuss.

Serve with mashed potatoes, sauteed green beans and a simple green salad for a complete meal. Then bring out dessert.

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Amber Waves



Out on a Limb



Nevada Happenings

Ice Cream Museum Opening

Announced a year and a half ago, the Museum of Ice Cream will open its seventh location at Area15 on July 3. The 30,000-square-foot venue will be triple the size of the other six (in New York, Chicago, Miami, Boston, Austin, and Singapore), thus becoming the flagship of the brain-freeze fleet. There will be 14 interactive playscapes, along with unlimited ice cream and sweet treats (including an ice cream hot dog) at the Golden Scoop Buffet, the "world-famous" sprinkle pool, an ice-cream-tasting magic show, five slides including a double-helix, an ice-cream-cake wedding chapel, a pink party bus, and a cafe and merch shop. Tickets start at \$42 for general admission, which includes the buffet. VIP tickets with upgraded perks range from \$70 to \$83.

MGM Grand Movie Magic

Now You See Me Live will debut at the MGM Grand Theater (formerly the David Copperfield Theater) on Oct. 15. Now You See Me is an "action-thriller heist franchise" centered around a group of elite illusionists known as "The Four Horsemen." The first of the trio of movies premiered in 2013 and starred Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harelsson, Isla Fisher, Dave Franco, and Mark Ruffalo. Now You See Me Live is an ensemble production based on the films. The show's "Four Horsemen" consist of an American sleight-of-hand artist, a young Canadian escape artist and the one woman in the cast, a French large-scale illusionist, and an Italian daredevil. This is a traveling production that sold \$5 million worth of

tickets in a 17-date run at the Sydney Opera House and will open a five-week residency at the London Coliseum in July. So far, the show is scheduled to appear at MGM through January.

Megabucks Hit

A visitor from Atlanta turned a few minutes of play into a life-changing payday this past June at Westgate, winning \$10,292,912 on a Megabucks Wolf Run Eclipse machine. The lucky guest had been playing for only three minutes when a \$5 wager triggered the multimillion-dollar jackpot. The win marks one of the largest slot jackpots ever hit at Westgate.

WSOP Store Opens

The World Series of Poker opened its flagship retail store at Paris in June. The 2,300-square-foot shop is, according to Caesars, "the largest retail space in series history" and will be open year-round, selling WSOP merch, such as apparel, accessories, and collectibles. Anchored by an LED display of great moments in WSOP history, the store is designed "as a walk-through of poker's evolution," reported the *Review-Journal*. "A desert-themed entrance references Nevada's gaming roots. One side of the space reflects early WSOP history with wood finishes and saloon-style design elements, while the other highlights modern poker through the 'On Felt' concept, with green-felt-inspired design and contemporary champions. Other design elements include a Golden Horseshoe-inspired cash wrap referencing Benny Binion's Million Dollar Display and a chandelier made of cascading poker chips inspired by the 'chip and a chair' philosophy." Additionally, the customization tee bar will personalize your merchandise with exclusive WSOP patches and prints. The store is open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.



Partners Bingo

Dear Guy,

This may be the reverse of what you usually hear, but I like going to Bingo and would like to have my wife come with me. I see a lot of couples playing, and I think it would be fun to make friends with some Bingo couples. The problem is that my wife has zero interest in Bingo and brushes off the idea whenever I ask her to come along. Any ideas? —Fred from Michigan

Dear Fred,

There are Bingo people and non-Bingo people. It sounds like you've married yourself a non-Bingo person, and that may just be that. However—maybe you could get her to go with you for some kind of special occasion—like your birthday. She might not refuse you then. At least it will get her into the hall, and she'll play a few games and maybe start to like it. But prepare yourself for the equally likely fact that she'll be just as disinterested as she was the day before.

Another idea might be to start mentioning the various women you've met at Bingo,

and how Sally said this, and Mary said that, etc. etc. She may get a little concerned about all these women friends you're meeting and start going to Bingo just to keep an eye on you. —Guy

Dear Guy,

How does somebody become a Bingo caller? It looks fun to me, but I don't really know who to talk to try it out.—Peter S., via e-mail

Dear Peter,

There are volunteer Bingo callers, who are usually members of the organization sponsoring the charity Bingo; and there are paid callers like the ones you see at casinos. Your best bet would be to join one of these charitable groups—the Elks, Knights of Columbus, and so on—and become a volunteer at their Bingo games. From there you could express your interest in being a caller and see where it goes.

I'll warn you, though; it isn't as easy as it looks. And players are very demanding of the caller: they're too fast, too slow, too loud, too quiet, their nose whistles...it goes on and on.

But hey, don't let me discourage you. Everyone should have a dream. And if yours is to be a Bingo caller, then I say go for it! —Guy

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



Away Days

August is a month of the doldrums. The stores all get ready for back-to-school, while those of us without children just think about it the sales. I was certainly ready for a few new wardrobe items—but couldn't decide just what I wanted. A new coat for sure, but I find it hard to shop for a coat when the thermometer is hovering in the high 80s. So, I decided to let it all go and Kate and I would take a little vacation.

We would just go to nearby places we had always wanted to see or had not spent enough time the last time through. One was Grand Coulee Dam. I had never seen it at night with all the lights on and wanted that experience. Kate wanted to travel the Toutle River Basin near Mt. St. Helens, and see all the improvements there.

We set out one bright Tuesday morning to see what we could see. We headed first for Grand Coulee Dam and I was excited to see it again. I knew it was completed and in operation in 1942, just in time to provide necessary energy for World War II efforts,

but little else. It is a huge, magnificent affair that defies description. You have to see it to believe what an awesome feat of engineering it is. We drove up to the overlook to see better the totality of it all and there we found a little Bingo hall, half hidden in the trees. I suspected it was rarely frequented, but as time for Bingo rolled around, many people showed up to play. We decided souvenir daubers were in order and settled in for a great session.

Kate was on once for the regular games. Then came to the specials: the first was the Dam—two straight lines anywhere on the card. I was excited to win that one but had to split with another player.

Next came a game called Lights—four spots of three and hard to watch for. There were no machines, so everyone had to do their own watching and it took a long time for someone to win. Kate won the final blackout but had to split with another player. We went away happy and thought we might return to this little out-of-the-way Bingo for another session. We had dinner and waited for darkness to see the light show at the dam. It was indeed spectacular. I particularly liked the image of the Statue of Liberty shown full size on the face of the dam. That's how big it is.

We slept that night with the sound of rushing water lulling us and decided to spend another day sightseeing, souvenir buying and playing Bingo again before we sped away. It is a great place to vacation in my opinion. Bingo was good the next day, the caller even remembered us—although no wins were to be had.

Then we took off for Toutle River Basin. The area, the second largest recreational area in the state, had taken a big hit back in 1980 when Mt. St. Helen's erupted, but built itself back admirably. We spent time looking at all the sights and found a little Bingo place where we played one evening. Neither of us won anything, but we had a good time and headed for home the next day feeling like we had really had a grand time out.



Boomers & Besties

I love boomers who say in a negative way, kids can't write in cursive or tell time on a wall clock. My response to them is, maybe so, but some boomers can't turn on a laptop without getting six viruses while wiring half their retirement money to a Nigerian Prince who's proposing marriage and eternal love. —Ms. Anonymous

She's a boomer, he's a boomer, I'm a boomer too! Everyone's a boomer who was born between 1946 and 1964 and we actually have a day to honor us, August 17th. This date was chosen to honor the famous 1969 Woodstock music festival which most boomers fondly remember. Festival tickets were \$6/day, but massive early arrivals, and a site location change, forced the organizers to let everyone in for free. Half a million concert goers attended, and traffic was stopped for 10 to 20 miles in every direction. Then, the heavens opened, and rain poured down, turning the venue into a massive mudhole. The musicians were airlifted in by helicopter and the event ran out of food. Local groups plus the US Air Force airlifted sandwiches and supplies to the starving hoards. Imagine the restroom facilities, oh my! Wish I'd been there. Not! Even back then, I liked my creature comforts, nice room, hot shower, and a hot meal with or without a margarita. My husband, Robert, says I'm spoiled. Oh yes, he knows me well.



Q: Is the series *Lioness* with Zoe Saldana coming back for another season, and if so, when? —D.P.

A: Yes, *Lioness*, one of the many scripted series created by the prolific Taylor Sheridan, is returning to Paramount+ on Aug. 2. It stars Oscar winners Zoe Saldana as a CIA operative and Nicole Kidman as her supervisor, who manages the tactical deployment of her *Lioness* operatives. Other operatives include Laysla de Oliveira and Genesis Rodriguez.

In the third season, look for Joe's (Saldana) relationship with her surgeon husband, Neal (Dave Annable), to become more complicated as her missions get more dangerous. Another Academy Award winner, Morgan Freeman, will also be returning this season as the United States secretary of state.

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Bingo John

What's for Dinner?

(Last time Bingo John was in a deserted bingo hall with the Bingo Preacher, went to a haunted lake and almost got sucked in by the dark creature. He awoke to find Preacher Reece baptizing Bingo players in the haunted waters.)

The world was not meant to be understood by a man like me, but when the spawn of Evil comes to shake your hand, you take notice. And when you turn around and your friend who was protecting you is baptizing Bingo players in tainted water, then you know something is rotten in Denmark.

I stood watching Preacher Reece dip folks one by one in the water. They went in sleepy eyed then came out wide-eyed, like they saw the light. I knew it was wrong. There was something in the water. It was lurking like a rotten worm in the core of an apple. Instead of apples, it was the Bingo players' souls. Their bodies were like urns tainted from the inside with dark water. Then it dawned on me, I was the glue to patch the broken urns. My travels had a reason. I had to save the urns. I had to clean the water.

First off, I read the good Book. It told me to go into the desert to cleanse my soul by walking in the sands for forty days and forty nights. Problem was, I didn't know where the desert was. And I did not have the time. But I knew the best place to start was the beginning, so I hit the street while the Bingo Preacher did his deed.

I ran down the road until the lights from the Bingo hall faded in the twilight. Then off in the distance I could see a car approaching. It swerved from side to side throwing dust clouds into the evening sky. The driver slowed when he saw me, then stopped, rolled down his window and yelled, "It's my

BIRTHDAY. What the heck are you doin' walking down this highway?"

Before I could answer he said, "Boy, you better step in this car before the police come and pick you up." Destiny seemed to be the best route, so I stepped in. In the rear seat was a big cast-iron cauldron. He saw me looking at it. "Why, that's for the turkey. We got to have a REAL big one for the turkey we're going to roast," he said, spitting some tobacco juice in a Big-Gulp cup.

We rode along in silence and after a few miles pulled into a trailer park. The homes were pulled in a circle like a scene for an old western—the ones where the pioneers pulled into a circle to fight off intruders. The driver pulled up to the cleanest looking one. Then a whole bunch of these people in orange robes came up to the car. They motioned me to get out and started patting me on the back like I was their long-lost friend. Next a group came out carrying platters of food for me. A couple ladies came over and started feeding me. It was amazing. Everyone was so nice and were treating me like a King.

The party went on and on until it started getting dark. With all the food and drink, my bladder told me it was time to take a break. When I headed to the back side of a trailer, one of the robed ladies followed me. She was wearing a strange box around her neck.

"You sure are handsome," she said, smiling with perfect corn shaped teeth. "You're the Bingo King and I am your Queen." I didn't know what to say. "We can go inside," she said.

She took my hand, and we went up to the nearest trailer. Inside it was dark, but I kept hearing a buzzing sound. The lady kept getting closer and closer, but damned, the buzzing was incessant. It got louder and louder. She didn't seem to notice, but I couldn't think of anything else. It was inside my head. I felt along the wall until my hand



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Aquarius and Edgewater Casino Resorts Pay Out More Than \$3.4 Million in June Jackpots

California guest takes home more than \$1.5 million on \$3 Wheel of Fortune bet

LAUGHLIN, Nev. — July 9, 2026 — Golden Entertainment's Laughlin properties, Aquarius Casino Resort and Edgewater Casino Resort, awarded players a combined \$3,417,408 in jackpots throughout June, highlighted by one lucky guest's \$1,527,942 jackpot.

The month's standout win came on Friday, June 19, when Edgar B. of Lake Elsinore, California, won a \$1,527,942 jackpot on the popular penny denomination Wheel of Fortune slot machine after making a \$3 bet.

Beyond Edgar's impressive win, players celebrated big payouts across both properties. Aquarius accounted for \$2,751,548 in jackpots during the month. Edgewater awarded \$639,814 in slot payouts, while the Bingo Room paid out an additional \$26,046.

Players seeking their next big win are encouraged to sign up for True Rewards, Golden Entertainment's rewards program. Members receive benefits such as increased point multipliers, prizes including cash and free slot play, and eligibility for select tournaments and special events.

For more information, visit the Aquarius website at AquariusCasinoResort.com or the Edgewater website at Edgewater-Casino.com.



QUESTIONS

1. Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Walter Johnson holds the Major League Baseball all-time record for shutouts with how many?
2. What British golfer won the Open Championship in 1934, '37 and '48? (Hint: The European Tour's Rookie of the Year award is named after him.)
3. In 1989, the New York Knicks hired what 33-year-old to be their head coach?
4. What college football bowl game was first played at Yankee Stadium in 2010?
5. What Pro Football Hall of Fame kicker holds the NFL record for regular-season games played with 382 from 1982-2007?
6. Name the rookie NHL goaltender who started every regular-season game for the Detroit Red Wings in 1964-65?
7. Businesswoman Gail Miller was owner of what NBA franchise from 2009-20?

ANSWERS

1. 110.
2. Sir Henry Cotton.
3. Stu Jackson.
4. The New Era Pinstripe Bowl.
5. Morten Andersen.
6. Roger Crozier.
7. The Utah Jazz.

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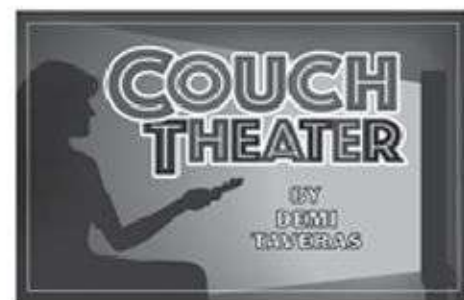
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PICKS OF THE MONTH

How to Make a Killing (R) — Glen Powell leads this black-comedy thriller that also stars Margaret Qualley, Topher Grace, and Ed Harris. It follows Becket Reddell (Powell), who was born to an affluent family but was shunned due to his mother being a teenager when she had him. Stuck on the idea that he still deserves the life that his family has, Becket learns that he's still in line for the family fortune due to a loophole. So, he nefariously decides to murder the remaining Reddell family so that he can claim the \$28 billion jackpot. The film barely made up its budget in theaters and didn't generate much buzz from audiences, which could be because it leans into *American Psycho* territory without the actual allure of the film. (HBO Max)

Voicemails for Isabelle (PG-13) — Netflix refuses to slow down on its genre of rom-coms. How are we supposed to keep up with the films that they keep cranking out when they all have the same poster, vibe, and type of actors? No offense to Zoey Deutch and Nick Robinson, but what do they give that Jennifer Lopez and Brett Goldstein didn't in *Office Romance* or Rosamund Pike and Sacha Baron Cohen in *Ladies First*? (Both were just released on the platform earlier this year.) Deutch plays Jill, who recently lost her sister, Isabelle, and continues to send voicemails to her phone as a form of comfort. Little does she know that Wes (Robinson), a real estate agent from across the country, was assigned Isabelle's old number, and he's been listening to every confession Jill's been making. (Netflix)

Love Island USA: Season 8 (TV-MA)

— It's almost unbelievable to think that it's already been a year since the hot mess that was season 7 of *Love Island USA*. This time around, we've got a new batch of (somewhat) normal contestants, as opposed to the influencer-heavy group we had last year. For example, Beatriz Hatz from San Diego, California, is a Paralympic athlete looking to find a man who matches her spiciness. Of course, there are a handful of models, and digital creator Zach Georgiou is the brother of Charlie from last season. (Hopefully, he has better luck!) But overall, *Love Island USA* is back to its usual fashion of stirring up crazy amounts of drama with regular folks like the ones who are watching at home. Almost a dozen episodes are out now to watch, but you'll have to catch up quickly so that you don't miss out on the finale! (Peacock)

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Arizona Charlie's August Bingo Promotions

Bingo Gift Days

Mondays in August: During the 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. sessions, True Rewards bingo players who pay a minimum \$20 buy-in will receive the gift of the day, while supplies last.

- Monday, Aug. 10: Disney eight-inch storage tins, with one received per minimum buy-in, per session
- Monday, Aug. 24: Crystal candy dish

Bingo with Tony

During the 3 p.m. session on Thursday, Aug. 6 at Arizona Charlie's Decatur and Thursday, Aug. 13 at Arizona Charlie's Boulder, True Reward bingo players will have access to the following offers:

True Rewards bingo players who pay a minimum \$4 buy-in will receive one electronic drawing entry for a chance to win a prize in the drawings held throughout the session featuring Las Vegas entertainer extraordinaire Tony Arias.

Guests who pay a minimum \$25 buy-in will receive one summertime straw hat.

Guests who hit bingo on B10 will receive \$100 in free slot play.

Guests who hit bingo on any O ball will receive \$25 in free slot play.

Bingo Like it's \$1999

During the 7 p.m. session every day, the first chance coverall will be \$1,999.

Final Fridays

During all sessions, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., on the last Friday of each month, first chance coverall will pay \$1,000. During the 7 p.m. session, first chance coverall will pay \$5,000.

\$4K Tuesdays

During the 1 p.m. session on the last Tuesday of each month, first chance coverall will pay \$4,000.

Bingo Bonus Wheel Spin

Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays: After game six in bingo sessions at 1 and 7 p.m., an Arizona Charlie's team member will spin the promotional wheel to determine the session bonus, including session Aceball prize increases, first chance coverall prize increases, extra pay for specific games and bounce back rainbows.

Bingo Half Point Tuesdays

Tuesdays: True Rewards members may use their True Rewards card points at any session for bingo play at double the value. 250 True Rewards card points are equivalent to \$1 in bingo play. More information is available here.

Bingo Bounty

Thursdays and Saturdays: From 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. players will receive a bonus for calling bingo on the bonus ball posted in the bingo room. True Rewards members may win up to \$1,000 in free slot play or \$500 in cash. Two winners will receive half of the prize they choose and three or more winners will split the \$500 cash prize. More information is available here.

Bingo Bonus x Goes Wild

The Bonus X \$5,000 prize-winning combination starts at 16 numbers and if not won, the number will increase every fourteen days up to a max number of 21. It will remain at 21 numbers until the \$5,000 prize is won. If the prize is hit, the winning combination number will return to 16 numbers and the count restarts. More information is available here.

Bigger Bingo Coverall

This multi-location progressive jackpot is shared between the Arizona Charlie's properties, Pahrump Nugget in Pahrump, Nev., and Edgewater Casino in Laughlin, Nev. Bingo players have a chance to spin the bingo coverall wheel to determine a prize percentage. Guests can win up to 100% of the progressive jackpot in 55 numbers or less, starting at \$10,000 and more.

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Win More Starting... Now

So how were your results at the blackjack tables this past year? If you're like most players, you probably lost a lot more money than you won. But don't fret, because I've got some tips that can turn your game around. **Stop Playing Games That Pay 6-5 for a Blackjack** You'll find 6-5 payoffs mostly on single-deck games, but some casinos have boldly implemented the dreaded 6-5 on double- and even six-deck games. The house edge on these games is terrible compared to a traditional blackjack game that pays 3-2 for a blackjack. How terrible? The house edge on a single-deck 6-5 game is about 1.4 percent, and for a two- or six-deck game with typical playing rules it's worse. Stay away from any game that pays 6-5 for a blackjack; instead, play blackjack where the house pays 3-2 to save a bundle of money. **Stop Using a Convoluted Playing Strategy** I'm shocked to still see players guessing when it's time to play their hands. Listen up: Brilliant mathematicians have spent

countless hours developing and perfecting the basic playing strategy. If you're not using this strategy when you play (and I mean all of it), it's no wonder that you are losing. You'll find the basic playing strategy in books and on the Internet (surprise!). And if learning the complete basic playing strategy has been an Achilles heel for you, at least try this: learn the very simple strategy developed by Michael Shackleford (known as the "Wizard of Odds") that you can learn in minutes... it's archived here: https://bjinsider.com/newsletter_118.shtml.

Stop Playing Fast

If you are a basic strategy player, slow down your game. Don't play heads-up against the dealer where you will be getting 200-or-more hands dealt per hour (and allow the house edge to grind down your bankroll that much more quickly). Don't play on a table that uses a continuous shuffling machine because there is never a pause for a shuffle and, therefore, you'll be playing about 20% more hands per hour. And, play fewer hands per hour by playing on crowded tables where you'll typically be dealt about 60-80 hands per hour. Remember, speed kills players' bankrolls when they don't have the edge.

Stop Using Progressive Betting Systems

No matter how you slice and dice them, progressive betting systems for blackjack don't work, and in the long run they will cost a player more money (compared to just betting the same minimum amount of money on each hand).

Stop Taking Even Money

When you get a blackjack and the dealer shows an ace, the dealer will ask you if you'd like to take even money. The majority of blackjack players will take the even money because they figure getting paid even money is a whole lot better than winding up with a push if the dealer has a blackjack. This is another costly mistake because the dealer is more likely not to have the 10 in the hole, in which case you'll get paid 3-2 for your blackjack. In the long run you'll wind up with more money in your pocket if you



Comfort Foods

As I've mentioned before, I'm a Southern Girl—Texas, to be exact—and like my accent, some of my "comfort foods" are... well... a little weird.

A lot of our comfort foods come from our mothers, or other parental figures. It's the chicken soup Mama made when you were sick. It's the waffles Dad made every Saturday morning. It's that cracklin' cornbread Grandma made for Sunday dinner. I'll wait while you Google "cracklin' cornbread".

Are you back? Good. Here we go.

Here in Texas, we have a bit of a reputation for cooking our vegetables TO DEATH—or used to. I grew up eating fresh green beans that practically dissolved as they entered your mouth. Every Spring and Summer, Mama would buy a mess of fresh green beans, and we'd snap 'em, then put them in the big Dutch oven, cover them with water, and add some kind of fat. It could be a ham hock, or salt pork, or some leftover ham, or bacon, or just a nice big stick of butter. Right before the green beans were completely cooked (say it with me: TO DEATH), Mama would add a nice portion of red potatoes. Once the potatoes were done, it was dinnertime. Along with cornbread and iced tea, that was often the entirety of dinner that evening. You need the cornbread to sop up all that delicious pot likker. This is a GOOD dinner, let me tell you.

Of course, lazy me makes a mock version of this that's almost as good. I'll take two cans of green beans, a few red potatoes, and tablespoon or two of butter. Simmer that until the potatoes are done—which, coincidentally, is the about the same amount of time it takes to cook a pan of cornbread. Serve with iced tea, and I'm good to go.

Now, Mama loved soups. Campbell's condensed soups to be exact. Any homemade soups were stews, and that's a whole 'nother story. One of her favorites, cream of asparagus, takes a more mature palate to appreciate. As a child, I couldn't even stand the smell of it. As I grew older, I came to love that soup. To this day, the moment I open a can of that soup, I'm transported back to the little kitchen table where just me and Mama ate our soup and talked about life. Okay, we gossiped about all the aunts and cousins.

Through Mama, I learned: Fritos must go in tomato soup, as well as chili. If you add chopped eggs and pickle relish to deviled ham, it becomes deviled ham salad. Sliced salt pork can be dusted with flour, fried, and made into a big ol' grease & salt sandwich. "Magnolia potatoes" are sliced potatoes, fried with onions, and if you put that between two slices of bread with ketchup—it's the best super-carb sandwich ever. A box of macaroni can accept every leftover in the fridge, and you call it "goulash" even if it has no resemblance to actual goulash (optional: add some tomato sauce or cream of mushroom soup to taste).

Now, don't get me wrong, Mama was an excellent cook. Every Christmas, she made pecan pralines, divinity, and tea cakes. Every Spring, we had fresh coconut cake, or Italian crème cake. Throughout the year, we were treated with chocolate pies, homemade cornbread dressing, Mississippi mud pie, all sorts of icebox pies, chocolate sheath cake—and of course the big meat dishes, like baked ham, roast chicken, pot roast, and brisket. But those aren't "comfort foods" to me; they're holiday dishes. Still, I continue to love them all, and I've got Mama's big cookbook, so when I'm not being lazy, I might whip up some chicken spaghetti, or "Valerie's Cornbread" (it has ground sausage and black-eyed peas in it!).

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to add fruit cocktail to some Cool Whip... just like Mama.

decline the even money.

Don't Double Down for Less

For some unknown reason I see more and more players doubling down for less than their original bet. This is a big mistake. The reason that you double down in the first place (assuming you are using the basic playing strategy) is that your chances of winning the hand are good. So why limit your winnings by being timid and doubling for less? Yes, sometimes you will lose your double downs, but in the long run you'll win a lot more money than you will lose, so go with the percentages and always match your initial bet when you double down.

Be Careful Playing "Modified" Games

Game developers work hard to invent "new" blackjack games or side bets that will catch on with the public. Before you jump in and try a new game or variation, be sure you know beforehand what the house edge is and whether or not you need to modify your playing strategy, which is the case for Spanish 21. If you find a new blackjack game or side bet that you'd like to play, check if it's been analyzed on www.wizardofodds.com. If it has, you'll know what the house edge is for the game and whether it's worthwhile playing, plus you'll find an optimal playing strategy.

More Tips

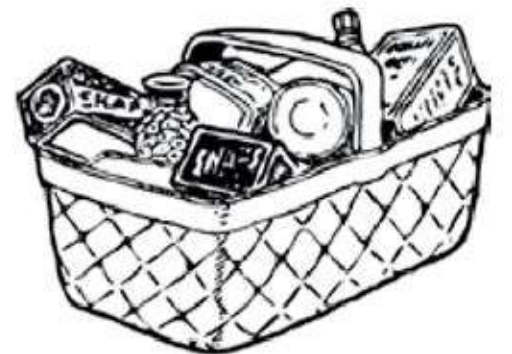
- Use a basic strategy card when you play
- Play blackjack games with more favorable rules (like dealer standing on soft 17 rather than hitting)
- Get rated when you play (comps may cancel your expected playing loss)
- Use match play and other coupons (you always have the edge when you use them)



What to Watch Where to Watch It

London (TV-MA) Prime Video
Million Dollar Nannies (Season 1) Hulu
The Capture (Season 3) Peacock
In the Hand of Dante (R) Netflix
Avatar: The Last Airbender (Season 2) Netflix
The Bear (Season 5) Hulu
Little Brother (R) Netflix
Life, Larry and the Pursuit of Unhappiness (Season 1) HBO Max
Chris & Martina: The Final Set (Documentary) Netflix
Undertone (R) HBO Max

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Suncoast Hotel & Casino Debuts "Quick Bites" Food Hall with Steak 'n Shake and Huey Magoo's Chicken Tenders

LAS VEGAS—Suncoast Hotel & Casino today marked the official opening of "Quick Bites," a new dualconcept food hall featuring Steak 'n Shake and Huey Magoo's Chicken Tenders. Today's debut is the latest property enhancement as Boyd Gaming continues to reimagine the northwest Las Vegas resort.

Steak 'n Shake, founded in 1934 in Normal, Illinois, is now serving its Steakburgers, milkshakes and fries at Suncoast. Menu items include the Western BBQ 'n Bacon Steakburger and the Frisco Melt. Milkshakes are made with real milk and fresh ingredients and topped with whipped cream and a cherry. Flavors range from chocolate to banana, along with specialty shakes such as Oreo® Cookie, Birthday Cake, Kit Kat® and more.

Huey Magoo's Chicken Tenders, founded in 2004 in Orlando, Florida, by Matt Armstrong and Thad Hudgens, offers grilled, handbreaded or "sauce" premium chicken tenders, farm fresh salads, sandwiches and wraps, homemade and specialty dips, crinklecut fries and freshcut chips. Known as the "Filet Mignon of Chicken®," Huey Magoo's serves tenders made from the tenderloin, with no antibiotics ever, no hormones, no steroids and no preservatives.

An extension of the new "Quick Bites" area includes Suncoast's new Starbucks, open daily from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and located near valet for quick mobile order pickup.

The addition of the "Quick Bites" space is part of Boyd Gaming's broader vision for a reimagined Suncoast—an elevated, contemporary destination created with the Las Vegas local in mind. Since renovations began in late 2023, guests have experienced a series of significant enhancements across the property.

These updates include the return of Du-Par's in a fully remodeled space, a refreshed and modernized front desk, the opening of the Solstice ballroom and restrooms, a completely reimagined Bingo Room and the launch of an all new William B's Steakhouse. The Suncoast Sportsbook has also undergone a dramatic transformation, now offering wallto wall screens, stadiumstyle seating, 12 betting kiosks, a 55foot sports bar and 18 bartop games. The High Limit Room has been upgraded with new video reels and video poker machines, instant jackpots, Boyd Connect and BoydPay technology, and an exclusive bar featuring handcrafted cocktails.

These completed enhancements represent only the beginning of Suncoast's evolution. Renovations currently underway include a new featured Center Bar, hotel room updates, a refreshed exterior façade and improvements to the parking lot and parking garage.

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

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Seeing Red Over Pink Sweater

Dear Aunt Bingo,

I had a favorite sweater that I loved—it was just the right weight and was a pretty shade of pink with flowers stitched on the shoulder and running down one side. I took it almost everywhere and always to Bingo.

One night at Bingo the room was quite warm so instead of wearing my sweater I hung it on the back of my chair as I oftentimes do. When Bingo ended, I packed up my things and headed out to my car. About halfway home—I’d guess five minutes of driving—I realized that I had forgotten my sweater. As I thought more, it occurred to me that the reason I had forgotten my sweater was that it had not been on my chair when I left. I turned the car around and drove back to the Bingo hall. It was still open, and I went inside to get my sweater. It was not at my seat. I asked a worker if there was a lost and



Lucky Lotto News

Retired Driver Wins Big

Gary MacDonald won a £5.2 million (\$6.9 million) lottery last year and decided to quit his longtime job as a delivery man in Essex, U.K. Before Gary, 61, had his life-changing win, he delivered packages to stores in the Lakeside Shopping Center for over 30 years. “It’s been a crazy 12 months, from discovering I’d won a £5.2m Lotto jackpot and starring in the Lotto TV ad, to getting married and moving house,” he said, according to *The Independent*. Now, Gary jokes that becoming a millionaire “is turning out to be a full-time occupation.” Even with his new money, he still hasn’t forgotten where he started. “That said, I’m delighted to come out of retirement for the day to fulfil the promise I made myself,” he said. He decided to surprise his old coworkers by bringing them bouquets of flowers and their own lottery tickets. Gary said that he feels he’s “done a brilliant job” with the surprise and “spreading the joy with today’s deliveries.”

April Fools Win Confuses Family

A man was surprised when he realized he won big playing the lottery, but he says that some members of his family still might not be convinced that the prize is for real. Last year, Perry Pendleton, 70, of Maybee, Michigan, bought some Super Raffle tickets at a local Kroger store, then stored them in a box for safekeeping for nearly five months, according to a news release from local lottery officials. “I bought five Super Raffle tickets over the course of a few weeks and put them in a box since the drawing was a few months out,” Pendleton says. As it turned out, he actually picked up more than one prize during the Nov. 19 drawing. “One of the tickets was a \$100 winner and then to my surprise, one came up as a \$100,000 winner!

found and she took me to a closet with a box in it that was full of things Bingo players had left behind. My sweater was not there.

I asked some of the other workers if they had found anything, but no one had. I was crushed. What had happened to my beautiful sweater?

About a month later I was attending Bingo at a different hall. As I was sitting, I noticed a woman several tables away wearing my pink sweater! I knew her from the other Bingo where I had lost it.

During the first break I went over to her to ask for my sweater back. She said I was mistaken and that she had bought the sweater. When I asked where and when, she became agitated and told me to leave her alone. I asked her one last time if it was really her sweater and she got very loud and said she was going to complain about me and have me thrown out. I backed off after that and went back to my seat.

I believe this woman stole my sweater and I want it back! Do you have any ideas?

—Cold Shoulders in New Hampshire

Dear Cold Shoulders,

Unless that sweater was custom made for you or has your name or some other personal identification on it, I think you are out of luck.

You suspect this woman of taking your sweater, but you have no proof. She easily could have bought it at the same store where you bought yours. You may only be noticing someone else wearing it because your sweater is gone, you miss it and you want it back.

My advice to you is to immediately drive to the store and treat yourself to a brand-new sweater. That’s the best way to let go of the old and begin with the new. —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.

Boggle BrainBusters Answers:

CYAN BLUE
GRAY MAUVE
FUCHSIA CRIMSON

I thought to myself: ‘Is this real?’” Pendleton recalled. “I had to check the ticket three or four more times after that.” Pendleton went on to admit that since he waited until April 1 to tell some of his family members about his big win, there’s a chance they didn’t think he was telling them the truth. “I’m still not sure if they know it’s real,” he quipped. “If not, they are about to!” As for what he plans to do with the money, Pendleton said he already has some ideas. “With my winnings, I plan to save some, share some, and spend some, in that order,” he said.

Winner Waits to Tell Husband

A Kentucky mom won what she calls a “life-changing” prize playing an instant lottery game—though it took her some time to relay the good news to her family. The Jefferson County woman, who is remaining anonymous, decided to play the new Bank Boost game after receiving \$20 in Bonus Bucks from the Kentucky Lottery, according to lottery officials. Having read the rules, she said, knew something big was happening when a square popped up onscreen. She won a whopping \$900,392.68. It took her half an hour to share the good news with her husband, who was home with her at the time. “I just sat there in my office trying to breathe,” the woman recalled. Eventually, she confirmed her victory through a confirmation email. She then told her husband and daughter, who were just as surprised as she was. A few days later, the woman claimed her prize, taking home just over \$650,000 after taxes. “I was nervous that if I didn’t go ahead and claim it, I was going to get hit by a bus and nobody was getting the money,” she quipped. She plans to pay off debts and retire in two years. She will also put some money toward an anniversary trip with her husband.



I am 90 years old. My husband and I donated blood as often as needed, over 100 times, but last week my doctor said I tested positive for syphilis. I about fell off my chair. I haven’t slept for four nights. Have you ever heard of this? — E.

The Garden Bug

Peonies usually bloom late spring through early summer; however, some nurseries offer midsummer or late-summer varieties.

There are six peony flower types to choose from: **anemone, single, Japanese, semi-double, double and bomb.** Some peonies have pretty scents like roses or lemons, while others have none at all.

Peonies flower every year for many years; some have done so for over 100 years.

— Brenda Weaver

Source: www.almanac.com



Q: I have an opportunity to adopt a wonderful three-legged, overweight, 4-year-old Shepherd. I’m happy to help him lose the weight, as I already walk 2 to 4 miles almost every day. However, I’m not sure if he can walk those distances. Can he be trained to walk with me that far? Do you think he would be able to swim for exercise?

— Donna P, via email

A: I’ve met so many animals that, despite a challenge such as a missing limb or paralysis, are still energetic and participate in every facet of life that they can.

Your potential new family member may be able to train up to walking a couple of miles, eventually. He’s young enough, and Shepherds are certainly energetic enough.

His extra weight will make it difficult to manage on three legs. You can best control his weight through a diet prescribed by a veterinarian, rather than relying on exercise alone. Don’t just cut calories without guidance, as he will need to eat good-quality food to put on muscle and get strong enough to walk with you.

Swimming, if he is comfortable doing it, can be a great option to keep him exercising while putting much less stress on his joints. Introduce him to this activity gradually, and don’t force him into the water. Some dogs leap right in (I’m lookin’ at you, Labradors), while others are hesitant.

If you’re still on the fence about adopting this wonderful boy, talk to a veterinarian to find out what challenges you will face in getting him to a healthy weight.

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

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ANSWER: The screening test for syphilis, called the VDRL or RPR test, is not particularly accurate. About 1-2% of people will have a false positive result. Meaning, the test is positive but they do not have syphilis. There are many possible causes, such as infection and autoimmune disease, like lupus, but some people, particularly older people, will have a positive test for no identifiable reason.

In your case, I am sure it is a false positive, but your doctor may do a more specific test, such as an FTA-ABS, to be 100% sure. You shouldn’t let it keep you awake at night.

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.com.ell.edu.

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Veterans Post

Volunteering at the VA

The Department of Veterans Affairs just celebrated its 80th year of using volunteers to run programs for veterans. Last year alone, 46,000 volunteers worked 4.4 million service hours and gave \$108 million worth of gifts and donations.

We can make this year even better.

Go to Voluntary Services at www.volunteer.va.gov and see how you can help. On the left side look at Volunteer or Donate Now. Pick your state and the facility you want to support.

If you want to donate money, you can do that online with a credit card. Be sure to identify the facility you’d like the money to go to.

If you want to volunteer in person, select the facility and check the list for slots that need filled. It might be parking-lot shuttle driver, mealtime companion, maintenance help or any type of service. If the facility has a hospice unit, look at the list and consider the families that are staying there.

If you’re a member of a service organization such as the American Legion and want to make a group donation, look at the list of wish items they need. Right now at my medical facility, they’re looking for store gift cards, sneakers, underwear, canteen coupon books and gas cards. Other facility lists are more specific, down to the actual size of pants and shoes that are needed or the type of paperback books that are preferred.

If there is a large homeless population in your area, facilities often try to put together care packages for those veterans or apartment start-up kits for those moving into housing.

Call the Voluntary Services department at a facility near you and ask how you can help.

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Lucky Predictions for August 2026

ARIES: March 21 to April 19
1st thru 6th...
Looks mighty fine 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th...
Green does you right the 7th!
13th thru 18th...
Be glad you did the 11th!\$
19th thru 24th...
Distant places pay \$\$ 20th-21st!
25th thru 31st...
Starts & ends well!\$!

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20
1st thru 6th...
Make it all happen the 1st!\$
7th thru 12th...
Small bets the 9th!
13th thru 18th...
Intuition’s right on the 13th!
19th thru 24th...
Hard cards are lucky 23rd!
25th thru 31st...
Limitless 28th!\$!

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21
1st thru 6th...
Rev it up and go the 3rd!\$!
7th thru 12th...
Ding-ding-ding the 7th!\$\$\$
13th thru 18th...
Darn good to play 15th-16th!
19th thru 24th...
Regroup and wait
25th thru 31st...
Much satisfaction the 30th!\$!

CANCER: June 22 to July 22
1st thru 6th...
Good fortune awaits the 1st!\$
7th thru 12th...
Fair to midland the 9th!
13th thru 18th...
GREEN gushes \$\$ the 13th!
19th thru 24th...
All could be yours the 19th!\$
25th thru 31st...
BLUE’s your cue 27th-28th!

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22
1st thru 6th...
Bigger than us both the 3rd!
7th thru 12th...
GREEN gathers \$\$ 7th & 11th!
13th thru 18th...
Ok, NO
19th thru 24th...
Step up & play 20th-21st!
25th thru 31st...
Time’s wastin’—play 30th-31st!\$

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22
1st thru 6th...
Into big \$\$\$ the 6th!
7th thru 12th...
BLUE brings it 9th-10th!\$!
13th thru 18th...
Hurry 13th before luck changes!
19th thru 24th...
Advantageous the 24th!\$
25th thru 31st...
Break time

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23
1st thru 6th...
Wait it out
7th thru 12th...
LUCK’s the word, 7th!
13th thru 18th...
Best bets on 15th-16th!\$
19th thru 24th...
RED scores 20th-21st!
25th thru 31st...
Magical results 25th!

SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21
1st thru 6th...
Be bold, be daring the 1st!
7th thru 12th...
Showers of cash 9th-10th!
13th thru 18th...
Bet confidently the 14th!\$!
19th thru 24th...
Solid wins 23rd-24th!\$!
25th thru 31st...
Fool the fates 28th!

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21
1st thru 6th...
Surprise them all 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th...
In it for the big one 11th-12th!\$!
13th thru 18th...
Intend to win 15th-16th!
19th thru 24th...
All about YOU 21st & 25th!\$
25th thru 31st...
Generous winner 26th!

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19
1st thru 6th...
Treat yourself after 1st & 6th wins!
7th thru 12th...
Not yet
13th thru 18th...
GREEN pads your pockets 14th!
19th thru 24th...
Luck pays a visit the 19th!\$!
25th thru 31st...
Hard cards rule 23rd-24th!

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18
1st thru 6th...
Don’t hesitate 2nd-3rd!\$!
7th thru 12th...
Small bets the 7th!\$!
13th thru 18th...
Friends assist 15th-16th!
19th thru 24th...
Your time has come 20th-21st!\$
25th thru 31st...
Worth the effort 26th!\$!

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20
1st thru 6th...
Clever moves 1st & 6th!
7th thru 12th...
BLUE’s blessed the 10th!\$!
13th thru 18th...
Sneaky wins the 18th!
19th thru 24th...
Hard card lands it 23rd-24th!\$!
25th thru 31st...
Step back and chill

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

PREDICTORS
LUCKY CARD FOR AUGUST 2026

7	16	32	55	64
5	25	31	51	70
14	21	★	47	69
8	27	41	57	66
2	22	34	60	71

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS
AUGUST 2026

1st	Mahjong Day
4th	Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
6th	Last Quarter Moon ☾
7th	National Purple Heart Day
10th	Lazy Day
12th	New Moon ☾
16th	National Senior Citizens Day
20th	First Quarter Moon ☾
21st	National Spumoni Day
25th	National Banana Split Day
28th	Full Moon ☾
30th	National Beach Day



Horoscopes for August 2026

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): Your imagination is at maximum level this month. For peace of mind, find a solid outlet to express your artistic nature—be that writing, music, cooking, gardening, or helping someone else get in touch with *their* creative gifts.
Lucky Days: 11 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 1 - 8

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): By the end of the month you’ll feel relief from tension you’ve carried all summer. But some pressures remain on the work front. If folks are asking, “Who’s the boss?” and it’s *you*, well, you’ve got step up to the plate now. People need your keen managerial skills.
Lucky Days: 9 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 5 - 50

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): You’ve had the spring to adjust to the intense cosmic energy that is moving through your system. Now it’s time to apply it consciously. Your mission is to release stubborn habits and attitudes that are holding you back. It’s your only option if you want to feel vital.
Lucky Days: 7 - 12
Lucky Numbers: 16 - 45

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Mars enters your sign mid-month and switches all of your circuits to go. Don’t let wild mood swings overtake you, though. Gain assistance from a close friend who can point out reasons to be persistent. You have goals to reach; start your engine.
Lucky Days: 17 - 30
Lucky Numbers: 12 - 33

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): This promises to be the most intense month of the year. Everyone wants your time, energy and maybe money. Don’t get caught up in distractions or schemes. Revisit all of your goals from the start of the new year, then focus all of your attention on the most important one.
Lucky Days: 24 - 28
Lucky Numbers: 39 - 48

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Pierce 2. Pliant 3. Beckon 4. Saber
Today’s Word: PARENTS

JUMBLES: ABOVE HEFTY ADRIFT WICKER

Answer: When asked if she wanted a ring made of gold or silver, she said — EITHER “ORE”

HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Picture is higher. 2. Sweater is different. 3. Glasses are removed. 4. Hairstyle is changed. 5. Pillow is added. 6. Shoes are different.

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style. — Maya Angelou

BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS
Solution time: 24 mins.

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DOWN	6	DOWN	7	DOWN	8	DOWN	9	DOWN	10
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DOWN	31	DOWN	32	DOWN	33	DOWN	34	DOWN	35
DOWN	36	DOWN	37	DOWN	38	DOWN	39	DOWN	40
DOWN	41	DOWN	42	DOWN	43	DOWN	44	DOWN	45
DOWN	46	DOWN	47	DOWN	48	DOWN	49	DOWN	50

SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

MAGICMAZE ANSWERS
WORDS WITH THREE R’S

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