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## \$25,000 BINGO WIN!



\$25,000 Winner Diane M. (Right) was joined by Kenya M. (Left) after her big win at **South Point's** Big Bingo Event! Way to go, Diane!

## \$50,000 COVERALL WINNER!



Bill M. of Missouri was so excited to be a \$50,000 Coverall winner at **Plaza's Super Bingo**! Mark your calendars for Plaza's next Super Bingo and check out all new payouts offered in March! See ad on page 17 for more details. Congratulations Bill, on your big win!

## \$54,801 KENO



A local daily guest scored big at **Palace Station**, winning the \$1 Keno progressive with an 8-out-of-8 hit for \$54,801.17. The winner chose to remain anonymous. Pictured from left to right are Supervisor, Rowena and Writers, Marie and Donna.

## BINGO RETURNS TO VEGAS STRIP!



Circus Circus is bringing back the beloved game by "opening a bingo hall that embraces the true vintage Vegas bingo experience, built around paper cards, ink daubers, cheap eats and live gameplay," according to an official press release. The new bingo hall at Circus Circus is slated to open this February. See full article on page 10.



Casino Q&A

Time to Test Your Slot IQ

- 1. Winning at slot machines is just a matter of luck. (T or F)
- 2. There are better days of the week or time of the day to play slots. (T or F)
- 3. After you hit a jackpot the slot turns cold to make up for the big payout. (T or F)
- 4. A slot with a 98% payback will return 98% of the money you put into it. (T or F)
- 5. Casinos really want you to win. (T or F)
- 6. A slot that hasn't paid out in a long time is overdue and bound to hit. (T or F)
- 7. The slower you play a slot machine the better. (T or F)

Answers:

- 1. True. Like in keno, Bingo, and your state lottery, winning is just a matter of luck. And if luck isn't with you, it doesn't matter what strategy you use or what you do.
- 2. False. When you're playing one of today's slot machines, you're really playing a computer. And the slot's computer doesn't know or care what day or time of the day it is. So, there's no better day of the week or time of the day to play slot machines.
- 3. False. A slot machine does not turn cold after a big payout. It will continue to payout at the rate it is programmed to. Your chances of hitting a jackpot on the very next spin are the same. Back-to-back jackpots are rare, but they do happen.
- 4. False. A slot with an advertised payback of 98% will pay back 98% of all the money put into it, but over millions of spins. In the short time you're at a slot machine, you won't get back 98% of your money. You might, for example, get back 30%, 90%, or 0%. It all depends on computer timing and luck.
- 5. True. Casinos really do want you to win now and then because who would want to play in a casino where you lose all the time? But if they had you winning all the time there would be no casinos.
- 6. False. A slot is never due or bound to hit no matter how much time or money you or another player put into it. All payouts are spread out over time and completely at random.
- 7. True. Most players spin the reels once every five seconds (12 spins per minute). Slow down to 6 to 8 spins per minute by not hitting the spin button the instant the reels stop spinning. Hesitate a moment. Then hit the button again. You'll barely notice the reduction in playing time. While slowing down won't improve your chances of winning, your bankroll and playing time will last longer.



by Annie E. Ennis

Squash Soup Version 2.0

Dear Annie,  
Do you have a winter soup recipe that you can recommend? We're all turkey noodled out! —D. from Delaware

Dear D.,  
Here's a new version of my squash soup. I added the pumpkin and red pepper—it was delicious. I served it for Thanksgiving and my guests were very pleased. I hope our soup-loving Bingo players enjoy this recipe as much as we did. —Annie

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Stay Calm to Foil Scammers

This is a new scam, but then it's what we expect from thieves — yet another way to steal from us. This one involves our innocent-seeming bank debit card, a scammer and a pair of scissors. Here's how it works:  
You'll get a call from someone claiming to be from your bank who says there is fraudulent activity happening on your account, and they need your help. You'll be told that you need to act fast before you lose all your money.

The scammers will tell you to cut up your debit card, but not to cut up the little microchip on the card. Put all the pieces, they'll say, in an envelope and leave it at your door, because a bank "official" is going to rush over to take possession of the evidence. Oh, and there will be one last little detail they'll need — your bank PIN. By that time, if you're sufficiently rattled, you'll willingly tell them the number.

A scammer will quickly show up at your door to grab the envelope. Armed with that little card chip and your PIN, they can quickly empty your account.

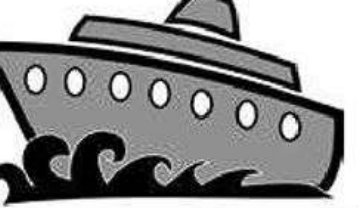
The key is for you to not get rattled, to not let scammers direct your actions.

If you're suspicious about any call, hang up! It's OK (even preferable in this case) to be rude! Call the bank or company on their official number and ask if they were trying to contact you about fraudulent activity on your account.

If your debit card (or any card) expires and the bank or company sends you a replacement, cut up the old one. Be sure to cut through the chip, the magnetic strip on the back and the numbers as well as your name. Divide them up in multiple trash bags to keep the pieces apart.

Remember: Stay calm to defeat the scammers.

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A FESTIVE SOUP

- 4 T. butter
- 1-2 T. olive oil
- 1 medium sweet onion, diced
- 2 T. minced garlic
- 1 small pumpkin, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 1 medium butternut squash, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 1 24-ounce jar roasted red and/or yellow peppers, drained
- 2 32-ounce cartons prepared chicken broth (low sodium)
- ½ tsp. Morton Natures Seasons
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 cup small croutons, optional

In a medium-sized soup pot (at least 4 quarts), melt the butter. Add the olive oil, diced onion, minced garlic and the chopped pumpkin and squash pieces. Sauté over a low flame for at least fifteen minutes, stirring constantly. Add one quart of the chicken broth and continue to cook until the pumpkin and squash starts to soften. Add the peppers. When the squash and peppers are soft, transfer to another bowl or container. In batches, half the size of your blender, mix well. Pour the blended soup back in the soup pot. Continue to mix the remaining pumpkin mix in the blender, transferring after each batch. Add the remaining quart of chicken broth. Natures Seasons and nutmeg. Cook over a low flame for at least 15 more minutes, stirring occasionally. Adjust your seasoning to taste. Serve hot. Garnish with croutons, if desired. Serves 8 to 10.



Arizona Charlie's Supports Las Vegas Community Through Annual Feed a Family Donation Drive

LAS VEGAS – Jan. 20, 2026 – Arizona Charlie's Boulder, located at 4575 Boulder Hwy., and Arizona Charlie's Decatur, located at 740 S. Decatur Blvd., supported Las Vegas families in need during the 2025 holiday season through the casinos' annual Feed a Family donation drive. have a chance to spin the bingo overall 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.

From Saturday, Nov. 1 through Monday, Dec. 15, True Rewards members were invited to donate their points at the True Rewards Center at either Arizona Charlie's Decatur or Arizona Charlie's Boulder. For every 35,000 points contributed, Arizona Charlie's donated one basket of food to a local charitable organization, helping provide holiday meals for families across the community.

Arizona Charlie's surpassed its holiday giving goal, donating 144 meals to local families in need during the holiday season. The initiative, supported by guest participation, exceeded the original commitment of 100 meals, helping provide holiday food baskets to families across the community.

Members earned True Rewards points by playing their favorite slots, table games, bingo, dining at participating restaurants and more at either Arizona Charlie's location, making it easy for guests to give back while enjoying the experiences they already love. More information about the True Rewards loyalty program is available at TrueRewards.com. More information about Arizona Charlie's can be found on the website at ArizonaCharlies.com.



Bring Leftovers Together in a Meatloaf Mash-Up

Nothing says comfort, security and home like an old-fashioned meal of meatloaf and mashed potatoes. Try this tasty supper with your family, or better yet, invite another family over to enjoy this generous-sized recipe of Outside-Inside Meatloaf.

We call it the all-in-one vegetable/potato/meatloaf because when you slice the main dish, the kids discover that everything is hidden inside — everything, that is, except the salad and bread, which your guests could bring to complete this fabulous "let's get together" meal.

It's also the perfect solution for using leftovers. Extra portions of mashed potatoes, peas and corn are the perfect ingredients to complete this recipe. Even day-old dinner rolls are useful. They're all part of the mix.



OUTSIDE-INSIDE MEATLOAF MASH-UP Serves 8

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 2 cups fresh or packaged breadcrumbs
- 2 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 3 cups prepared mashed potatoes
- 1 cup cooked peas or corn
- 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese
- Ketchup or mustard for drizzling on top

Preheat oven to 350 F. In a large bowl, with very clean hands, let your child thoroughly mix together the meat, eggs, breadcrumbs, tomato paste, Worcestershire sauce and seasonings.

Place on a large sheet of parchment or wax paper and form a 9-by-12-inch rectangle. Use a rolling pin to make it even and smooth. Spread the potatoes over the meat with a spatula, leaving a 1-inch border all around. Top with vegetable and cheese.

With adult assistance, your child can roll up the large meatloaf lengthwise, lifting up the paper to get it started. Remove paper and place the meatloaf seam-side down on a foil-lined baking pan. Pat it together firmly, pinch ends closed, and drizzle ketchup or mustard on top.

Bake uncovered for 1 to 1 1/4 hours, or until completely done. Remove from oven and let rest for 10 minutes before transferring to a large serving platter for slicing.

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Diagram: A 5x5 grid with arithmetic signs and numbers. Bottom row: 20, 10, 54. Right column: 9, 17, 2.  
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**Boggle BrainBusters!**  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek  
YASOR  
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Boggle BrainBusters Bonus: We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them? Find AT LEAST SEVEN FLOWERS in the grid of letters.  
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**Even Exchange** by Donna Pettman  
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.  
List of 10 rows with clues and partially filled 6-letter words.  
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**SNOWFLAKES**  
by Japheth Light  
There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.  
Diagram: A hexagonal grid with 13 black hexagons.  
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦  
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult  
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**FEAR KNOT**  
By: rj johnson  
DOUBT? ...OR DARE!  
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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.  
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- 6. Breakfast • Emerald Island • Daily • \$5.99**
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### Even Exchange answers

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| 1. Clark, Clerk   | 6. Parton, Pardon |
| 2. Brainy, Brawny | 7. Steady, Steamy |
| 3. Nation, Notion | 8. Water, Wafer   |
| 4. Tiber, Tibet   | 9. Career, Cereen |
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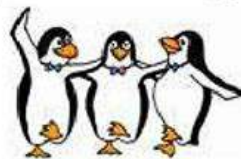
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### Go Figure!

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### The Largest Pot in High Stakes Poker History – a \$1,412,500 Monster Hand

By Chad Holloway

High Stakes Poker (HSP) is one of the most famous poker shows of all time and has been a hit with fans ever since it debuted on the Game Show Network (GSN) back in 2006. In 2020, the show switched to PokerGO for Season 8 and has found a home there ever since.

Now in its 14th season, the show has been setting several records for large pots. Earlier in the season, Andrew Robl and Santhosh Suvama played a record-setting pot of \$992,000, which was the largest in High Stakes Poker history. Well, that didn't last long as in Episode 10 a monster seven-figure pot took place.

The stakes were \$500/\$1,000 and the game was no-limit Texas hold'em. There was nearly \$4 million on the table with some action players including Rick Salomon, Nik Airball, Vinny Lingham, Justin Gavri, and the two players involved in the hand – Alan Keating and Peter Wang.

The hand began with a double straddle and action folded to Keating, who just called with the KdKc on the button. Peter looked down at the As3s in the big blind and raised to \$14,000, which prompted the straddlers to get out of the way. Keating then sprung to life with a three-bet to \$69,000 and Peter called.

The 2sJsKh flop had action written all over it as Keating flopped top set and Peter the nut-flush draw. The latter checked and the former continued for \$70,000. Peter then check-raised to \$200,000 and Keating only called.

When the Ad turn paired Peter, he moved all in for \$434,000 and Keating snap-called to create a \$1,412,500 pot, making it the largest pot in High Stakes Poker history assuming there would be no chop as the duo agreed to run the river twice.

As it was in a vacuum, Keating was an 81.82% favorite to win while Peter had an 18.18% chance of hitting his flush. If Peter hit one of the two run outs, he'd at least recoup half the pot.

The Ac on the first runout ensured Keating would break even, but if he could avoid a spade on the second he'd scoop the entire pot. That's just what happened as the Jc completed the board on the second runout.

Not only did Keating win the largest pot in High Stakes Poker history, it came just four episodes after he won a \$911,000 pot off Peter after making what is considered one of the greatest hero calls of all time.

"It's my favorite hand because neither of us have much, but we made a game of chicken out of it by putting pressure on each other and no one backed down," Keating told media outlet PokerNews.

Clearly the two players have a long and expensive history, at least for Peter!

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### \$104K+ Bad Beat Jackpot Hits at The Orleans Poker Room

**LAS VEGAS** — One player's bad luck at the poker table turned into paydays for more than 100 poker players on Wednesday, January 14, when a guest at The Orleans triggered the property's \$104,872 progressive bad beat Texas Hold'em jackpot.

The "unlucky" Las Vegas local drew four 5s but was topped by another player with four 8s. He didn't win the pot but scored quite a consolation prize with a bad beat payout of nearly \$42,000. His opponent took home almost \$21,000 for beating the "bad beat" hand.

The remaining seven players at the table won just over \$1,000 each for being at the bad beat table, while 95 other guests playing Hold'em in The Orleans poker room at the time of the bad beat won \$257 each. Finally, The Orleans rewarded its 50 most active poker players (as measured by hours played since the last bad beat jackpot) with a loyalty prize of \$210 each.

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### The Spats



Husband and Wife team, Rachelle C. and Jonathan C. of California, were excited for Rachelle's big win of \$1,199 at Plaza's Super Bingo! Congratulations!



Ester A. was all smiles when she hit the \$1,000 bingo at Suncoast



Lourdes U. won \$300 on a Saturday night at Santa Fe Station

### Arizona Guest Claims \$56,906 Double Progressive Bingo Prize at Edgewater Casino Resort



**LAUGHLIN, Nev.** — Jan. 6, 2026 — A lucky Arizona guest took home a major bingo win after claiming the Double Progressive Bingo Jackpot in the Bingo Room at Edgewater Casino Resort, located at 2020 S. Casino Drive. The player took home the jackpot totaling \$64,406 on Saturday, Jan. 3.

Ricky Q., a loyal True Rewards member from Litchfield Park, Arizona, scored the win during the 7 p.m. bingo session, collecting \$56,906 plus a \$7,500 Super Spin on the 35th number, for a total payout of \$64,406.

Players must purchase a \$1 Double Progressive paper or electronic card and actively play the session to be eligible for the Double Progressive jackpot. Cards are valid only for the session in which they are purchased, and the jackpot can be won only within the posted number of balls drawn. For complete Bingo Double Progressive jackpot rules and details, visit <https://edgewater-casino.com/>

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

More information about Edgewater Casino Resort is available by calling 866-352-3553 or 702-298-2453, on the website at [Edgewater-Casino.com](http://Edgewater-Casino.com), and on social media at Facebook, X and Instagram.



# GETTIN' LUCKY IN THE *Neighborhood*

**\$109,672** **JERRY S.**  
CHARLIE'S DOUBLE PROGRESSIVE



**MARIA E.**  
ACEBALL

**\$5,849**

**\$13,601**

**LUCKY LOCAL**  
BIGGER BINGO COVERALL

**LUCKY LOCAL**  
DOUBLE BONUS

**\$10,000**



**\$1,412,799\***  
**PAID OUT IN BINGO JACKPOTS**

\*Total from October 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025. See the bingo room for details.

**BINGO GIFT DAYS • 11AM, 1PM, 7PM, 9PM SESSIONS**

**MONDAYS**



**TY  
BABIES**



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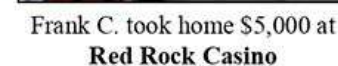
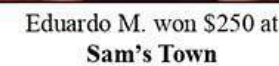
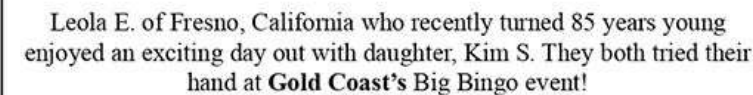
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AND  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

## VR BINGO INFO



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## Bingo John

## In the Woods

I woke up to an agitation like demons gnawing on my bones. It was mosquitos, thousands, covering my face and arms. I jumped up, and ran as fast as I could, swiping at the insects. In the distance, I saw a clearing in the forest. As I got closer, I could smell cooking in the air, hickory smoke and bacon. The smoke came from a small cabin at the opposite edge of the opening. Outside, an old man was sitting on a bench moving dirt around with a gnarled walking stick. In his lap was a plate of beans and bacon, but he wasn't touching it. I crept around the edge of the opening, keeping hidden in the woods. Once I got closer, close enough to smell the food, a young woman came out of the cabin. I was dumbfounded. She was the most beautiful woman I had seen. She wore grey homespun clothes and a red handkerchief covered her silver hair. Her skin was pale like fresh milk and floating in her face were a pair

**1. 1B1 2. B 3. 1 4. M**

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Bingo Returns to Vegas Strip

Circus Circus is bringing back the beloved game by "opening a bingo hall that embraces the true vintage Vegas bingo experience, built around paper cards, ink daubers, cheap eats and live gameplay," according to an official press release. The new bingo hall at Circus Circus is slated to open this February. Bingo hasn't been offered on the Las Vegas Strip for one simple economic reason: It doesn't make enough money to justify the space. Bingo rooms are considered an amenity, much like buffets and spas, and they tend to have big footprints, with hundreds of seats, dedicated staff, equipment and fixed session times. They produce only a fraction of the revenue a casino can earn by filling that same square footage with slot machines. Plus, Bingo players tend to be locals, value-seekers and lower theoretical gamblers who aren't likely to spend big on slots, tables, bottle service or upscale dining before or after their bingo session.

Why, then, is Circus Circus bringing back bingo? Says Shana Gerety, General Manager at Circus Circus Las Vegas, "We've seen a lot of success leaning into nostalgia as we continue to refresh and update Circus Circus Las Vegas. It started with Slots-A-Fun, the only coin-operated casino on the Las Vegas Strip and enhancing the food and beverage options, by offering cheap beer and bites. Our customers loved the experience, and we're excited to offer the Strip's only bingo hall, with affordable pricing, great food and beverage options, and a true bingo experience without a tablet doing the work for you."

The hall will accommodate 255 players per session, and feature six sessions daily at the start. Each session will feature 10 total games, including traditional bingo games, a bonus game and a coverall, all played on paper with daubers. Guests will be able to purchase a full session package for \$30, with the opportunity to purchase additional cards. Prizes will be paid in cash, with payouts starting at \$50 and reaching up to \$1,500. The hall is located on the Promenade level and steps away from a new concession stand serving classic favorites, including hot dogs, pretzels, nachos, beer and a selection

of cocktails. Circus Circus will also debut a new gaming space outside of the bingo hall with popular coin-operated slot machines, enhancing the throwback experience.

Bingo Boosts Soldier Morale

On a recent Wednesday, scores of off-duty Soldiers and civilians talked, danced in place, and sang along to *Shake it Off* by Taylor Swift as they waited in line at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Stage and Entertainment area on Camp Buehring, Kuwait. A strategic staging and training post for Active Duty and National Guard troops alike, Camp Buehring was winding down for the night as the audience arrived to receive their game cards for the bi-weekly Bingo Night. This important morale event has become a staple of the base's community, offering a fun and engaging outlet, as well as high-end prizes.

During deployments, the stress of performing rigorous tasks daily in the heat of the desert, miles away from home, is quick to weigh on any person. While the post provides numerous resources such as sports tournaments, movie theatres, and recreation area to help, the MWR team has found few things have been more beneficial than a night out for Bingo with friends. MWR Volunteer DJ, Jake Bustos, says it's a reminder of home.

The Bingo Nights on Camp Buehring begin at 7pm every Wednesday and Saturday night, with players checking in to receive their game cards. Music blasts throughout the post as Busto deejays to start the night and in between rounds. A Volunteer MC explains which board arrangement will win the game and lights up an LED lightboard to help players track their play. Players are encouraged to participate throughout by joining the MC in call-and-response chants to certain combinations and shouting "Bingo!" loudly to indicate they have come up with the correct arrangement on their cards. Substantial prizes such as wireless speakers, ear buds, blankets, and even televisions are on offer. Bingo Night continues to be a vital occurrence for fostering esprit de corps on Camp Buehring, and MWR plans to keep hosting it for residents.



Kumquat Trees?

This year we can celebrate three days when the man is always right. That would be the 29th, 30th, and 31st of February 2026.

-Ms. Anonymous

Sorry, dear readers, but we don't get an extra day this month as it is not a leap year. If it were, we would have an extra 24 hours to do stupid crap, act like idiots, and/or beg forgiveness from those we've previously alienated. Leap year occurs every four years so the next one is 2028; a year evenly divided by four. That's how you know when Leap Year is happening: or just check your February calendar. LOL. Wouldn't it be cool if that extra day every four years became a federal paid holiday? Those employed could enjoy a relax-and-chill day although some retirees, like Robert and me, do this most days anyway.

For those of you who are gainfully employed, did you know that February 6th is Working Naked Day? But, before you dash out your door naked as a jaybird, be advised that this day only refers to those who work remotely from their homes. Started in 2010, it's meant to encourage these workers to dress down or ditch their clothes completely so they're more comfortable as they do their computer projects. However, they should remember to dress appropriately from the

waist up whenever zoom meetings are involved. No one will be the wiser if you're pantless, not to mention missing your undies, as long as you're careful about your camera angles. Not being careful with them might cause the @#\$%\$ to hit the fan, along with your job, if your boss sees your naked fanny.

The middle of this month, February 17-March 3rd, is Chinese New Year. To impress your friends and family, greet them with this phrase, Kung Hei Fat Cho. It's a traditional Chinese greeting meaning best wishes for a prosperous and happy new year. I have been told to usher in good luck in the coming year I need to stay up till midnight on Chinese New Year's Eve and utter only good/happy words while avoiding harsh ones until after midnight. The next day on February 17th, I should give red packets containing money to children and elders to keep Nian, the bad luck demon, away from me and mine. And, oh yeah, I should decorate my house with kumquat trees which summon wealth and good luck; wear yellow or red which are lucky colors; and eat flour coated peanuts and walnut cookies to enhance my wealth and happiness in 2026. My only question is, where the heck do I get a kumquat tree?

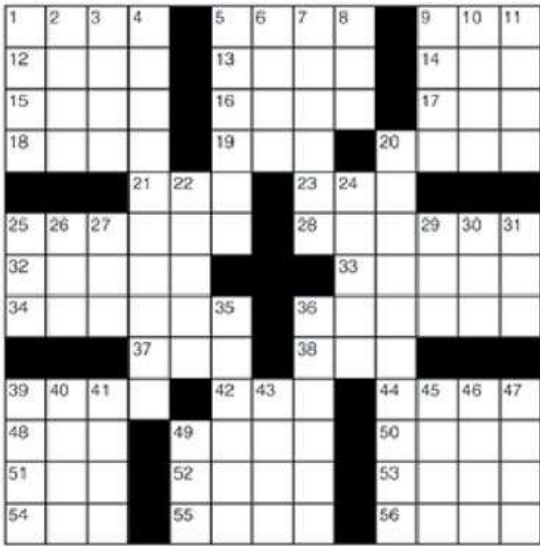
The Chinese Zodiac designates this as the Year of the Fire Horse; a symbol of energy, freedom, and passion. As for me, I was born in the Year of the Fire Dog meaning I am sincere, honest, helpful, and a great listener. U.S. Presidents Donald Trump, George W. Bush, and Bill Clinton were all born in 1946, making them Fire Dogs also. Hummm. I guess I'm in good company, or not, depending on one's political views. Until next month may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. Also, don't forget, February 1st is Spunky Old Broads Day. Find one, two, or more and take them to bingo with you. They'll live up the games with shenanigans as that's what spunky old broads are inclined to do. Contact me at nlpvz6172@gmail.com.

COFFEE BREAK!

BINGO BUGLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 "— Lang Syne"
- 5 Steed stopper
- 9 Plead
- 12 Dangling site
- 13 Reactions to pyrotechnics
- 14 Preceding
- 15 Mid-month date
- 16 Automaker
- 17 Ransom Eli —
- 18 Have a bug
- 19 Small winning margin
- 20 Go blue?
- 21 Air for a pair
- 22 "How I Met Your Mother" net
- 23 Census stat
- 25 Off-course
- 28 Auction, often
- 32 Use crib notes
- 33 Rechargeable battery
- 34 Grow canines
- 36 Tourist attractions
- 37 Moray or conger
- 38 Coop occupant
- 39 Witty one
- 42 Clay, now
- 44 "Super-food" berry
- 48 Tramcar contents



- 49 Teeny bit
- 50 So
- 51 Meadow
- 52 Expression
- 53 Deserve
- 54 Spigot
- 55 Whirlpool
- 56 "Phooey!"
- 6 Sacred
- 7 "Heavens to Murgatroyd!"
- 8 Donkey
- 9 Sultor
- 10 One of HOMES
- 11 Money
- 20 Like some drivers or hitters
- 22 Wash
- 24 Aladdin's ally
- 25 Performance
- 26 The girl
- 27 Shirt shape
- 29 Interlaken
- interjection
- 30 Long, crosser
- 31 Mag. staffers
- 35 Very happy
- 36 Vibrate abnormally
- 39 Filly's brother
- 40 Vicinity
- 41 Harvest
- 43 Byron or Tennyson
- 45 Burn somewhat
- 46 Atmosphere
- 47 "— It Romantic?"
- 49 Chowd down

MAGIC MAZE

MAGIC MAZE — STICK

S T P L I E B X U Q N J G D Z
W T Q N B K H D M A X U R P M
J G D A R X V R E G G A W S S
Q N K M E I E L A N F D A X V
T E Q U A L C H S I F O M J H
F C L R D I Z A U K Y W U R P
O G N D S L S Z R L J H F D B
Z G I P N L X V I A T R Q O M
K F O B A A I H N W F D B Z Y
W P V P O H C T G R S Q O N L
K I H F E U C D C A Z X W V U

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: SCALY SWIMMERS

- Big Bread Candle Chap
- Chop Cue Drum Fiddle
- Measuring Pogo Popsicle Slap
- Swagger Swizzle Walking

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HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

SUDOKU



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

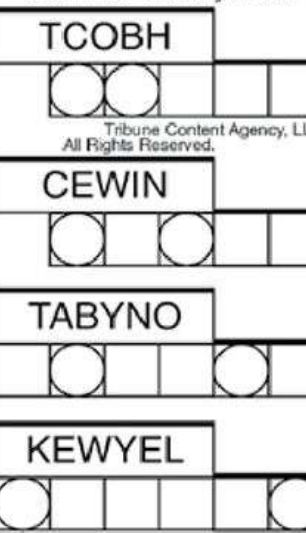
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the page!

- ARLOV
- AHMENU
- ROCUBES
- LIMPE

TODAY'S WORD

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Ans. here: " " " "



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXH 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.

JADGQF CE QJ CFFHECAJ.
KROZ CE JADGQF ZA ZRW
EXCSWD CE TRQAE ZA ZRW
YFP. — GADZCTYCQ QSSQGE

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COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS NOW ON ASTROLOGY PAGE



A Cozy Mexican Potato Noodle Soup

This is one of my favorite cold-weather recipes. It's budget-friendly, quick, and easy to make. It's quite versatile as well—you can add just about anything you want—more vegetables (corn and beans are good choices) or meat (shredded chicken is my preference, but I usually make it meatless).



CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

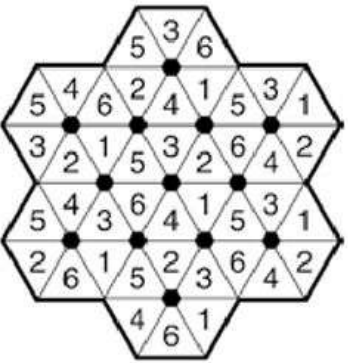
Clue: I equals S

AVYJ AFNDO EFN ZYDD LBDXBM
XS Y KYQXZYD YLXDXJE JF
OBJBGKXSB JVB FGXQXSI FM
JVXSQI? IFNGZBGE.

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SNOWFLAKES

solution



LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS



18 - 58 - 2 - 17 - 33 \*14\*



# FEBRUARY BINGO



**VALENTINE'S DAY**  
*Bonus Cash Ball*  
**FEBRUARY 14**

**\$10,000 CASH BALL**  
RED ROCK 1PM • SANTA FE 5PM  
PALACE & BOULDER 7PM  
GREEN VALLEY RANCH 9PM  
**\$2,500 CASH BALL**  
SUNSET 7PM

## BONUS BALLS

**SUNDAYS & TUESDAYS**  
11AM & 7PM SESSIONS  
BINGO ON B-2, WIN ADDITIONAL \$750  
BINGO ON ANY NUMBER ENDING IN 2,  
WIN ADDITIONAL \$500

## \$5,000

**TEAM BINGO BATTLE**  
**FEBRUARY 8 & 22**  
5PM SESSION  
12 GAMES PAYING \$250-\$1,000  
\$30 MINIMUM BUY-IN

## ROCK SHOT BINGO

**80S EDITION**  
**FEBRUARY 28**  
9PM SESSION  
WIN \$100-\$1,000  
\$35 MINIMUM BUY-IN

**BOULDER STATION.**

## \$10,000 GUARANTEED CASH BALL

**FEBRUARY 5**  
7PM SESSION  
STAYS UNTIL IT PAYS!

## \$6,000

**BIG GAME CASH BALLS**  
**FEBRUARY 8**  
1PM & 9PM SESSIONS  
GET UP TO 20 BLUE PACKS  
VALIDATION REQUIRED

## \$10,000

**BINGO BASH**  
**FEBRUARY 28**  
5PM SESSION  
10 GAMES PAYING \$400-\$1,500  
EARN ENTRIES + EXTRA PACKS  
FEBRUARY 1-28  
\$65 MINIMUM BUY-IN

**SANTA FE STATION.**

## ROCK SHOT BINGO

**80S EDITION**  
**FEBRUARY 7**  
9PM SESSION  
WIN \$100-\$1,000  
\$35 MINIMUM BUY-IN

## \$1,000

**GUARANTEED COVERALLS DAILY**  
1PM & 7PM SESSIONS

## BONUS BALLS MONDAYS

**& WEDNESDAYS**  
3PM & 9PM SESSIONS  
BINGO ON B2 FOR ADDITIONAL \$750  
OR BINGO ON ANY NUMBER ENDING IN 2 FOR ADDITIONAL \$500

**PALACE STATION.**

## BONUS BALLS

**WEDNESDAYS**  
1PM & 7PM SESSIONS  
BINGO ON B-2, WIN ADDITIONAL \$250  
BINGO ON ANY NUMBER ENDING IN 2,  
WIN ADDITIONAL \$125

## TRIPLE ACTION

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

## COVERALL MADNESS

**FEBRUARY 14 & 19**  
1PM & 9PM SESSIONS  
REGULAR PAY  
+ FOUR \$500 COVERALLS

**ALL PAPER**

**SUNSET STATION.**

## TRIPLE PAY ALL THE WAY

**SUNDAYS**  
1PM & 7PM SESSIONS  
GAMES 2-12 PAY TRIPLE

## BUBBLY & BINGO

**FEBRUARY 22**  
3PM SESSION  
LIVE DJ, UNLIMITED MIMOSAS  
& BLOODY MARY'S  
WIN \$100-\$1,000

## PURSE PARTY

**FEBRUARY 28**  
3PM SESSION  
PLAY FOR A CHANCE TO  
WIN A DESIGNER PURSE  
10 WINNERS!  
PACKAGES STARTING AT \$60

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**GREEN VALLEY RANCH**

## TRIPLE PAY ALL THE WAY

**SATURDAYS**  
1PM & 7PM SESSIONS  
GAMES 2-12 PAY TRIPLE

## GALENTINES DAY

**BONUS BALLS**  
**FEBRUARY 13**  
1PM & 7PM SESSIONS  
BINGO ON B-13, WIN ADDITIONAL \$750  
BINGO ON ANY NUMBER ENDING IN 3,  
WIN ADDITIONAL \$250  
+UP TO 20 BLUE PACKS  
FOR \$1 EACH AT ALL SESSIONS!

## \$10,000

**SUPER SESSION**  
**FEBRUARY 14**  
7PM SESSION  
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RED ROCK 5PM & 7PM • PALACE 7PM & 9PM  
GREEN VALLEY RANCH 7PM & 9PM  
BINGO ON ANY NUMBER ENDING IN 6, WIN \$250  
**BINGO ON I-16, WIN \$500**  
SUNSET 1PM & 9PM  
BINGO ON ANY NUMBER ENDING IN 6, WIN \$125

**PRESIDENTS' DAY**  
**BONUS BALLS**

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**The Resort at Summerlin expands Rampart Rewards Program for guests Eat, Drink and Earn Rewards**

*Rampart Rewards members can earn points on all food and beverage purchases, redeemable for Cash Back, Free Slot Play, Food Comps and more, beginning Sunday, February 1, 2026*

LAS VEGAS – January 20, 2026 – On the heels of its recent rebrand and \$75 million renovation, The Resort at Summerlin is pleased to announce the expansion of its popular Rampart Rewards program, giving members the opportunity to Eat, Drink and Earn Rewards across the property.

Beginning Sunday, February 1, 2026, Rampart Rewards members can earn points on all eligible food and beverage purchases through the new F&B Point Earn & Redeem Program. Qualifying purchases include those made with cash, credit card, or room charge at any of the resort's restaurants and bars. As part of its multi-year renovation, The Resort at Summerlin significantly redefined its culinary portfolio with the addition of several new dining destinations, including ai Pazzi, ai Pazzi Pizza, and Pearls Oyster & Crudo Bar from celebrity Chef Fabio Viviani; Nom Wah, the first West Coast location of New York City's oldest dim sum restaurant; Wineaux from James Beard Award winner Shawn McClain and master sommelier Nick Hetzel; and the recently announced Tacos 1986 and For The Win, both slated to open in The Neighborhood Food Hall in March 2026. Guests may also earn points at longtime favorites including Hawthorn Grill, Jade Asian Kitchen, Market Place Buffet, and more.

Members will receive 30 Rampart Rewards points for every \$1 spent on food and beverage purchases. Earned points may be redeemed for a wide range of benefits within the Rampart Rewards program, including Cash Back, Free Slot Play, Food Comps, and more. Full details and program enrollment are available at the Rampart Rewards Club.

"With all of the exciting culinary additions at The Resort at Summerlin, this is the perfect time to expand our popular Rampart Rewards program to include food and beverage purchases," said Michelle McHugh, Vice President and General Manager of The Resort at Summerlin. "We're thrilled to offer this new benefit to all Rampart Rewards members, making it even more rewarding to dine and socialize on property."

The Rampart Rewards program allows guests to earn points and enjoy valuable rewards throughout The Resort at Summerlin, including gaming, dining, entertainment, spa experiences, golf, and hotel stays. Guests earn one base point for every \$1 in coin-in on reel and video reel slot machines, and one base point for every \$2 in coin-in on video poker. Bingo players earn two base points for every \$1 played, while table games players earn comps based on length of play, average bet, and type of game. Guests may visit the table games pit for complete details.

Points earned through Rampart Rewards may be redeemed across the resort, with every 1,000 points equal to \$1 in redemption value. To earn points, guests simply insert their Rampart Rewards card into any slot machine or present it to a table games dealer. While playing, points are automatically tracked and accumulated, allowing members to seamlessly earn and redeem rewards as they enjoy everything The Resort at Summerlin has to offer.

Rampart Rewards members enjoy robust promotions, including weekly and monthly drawings, exciting events and parties, kiosk swipes, point multipliers and more, with the casino offering a promotion nearly every day of the week.

The Resort at Summerlin is located at 221 North Rampart Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89145. For more information, please visit [theresortatsummerlin.com/rebrand](http://theresortatsummerlin.com/rebrand). Stay up to date with The Resort at Summerlin at @TheResortAtSummerlin on Instagram, TikTok and Facebook.

## February Bingo Promotions at Arizona Charlie's Boulder and Decatur Properties

**Bingo Gift Days - Furry Frenzy**  
Mondays in February: During the 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. sessions, True Rewards bingo players who pay a minimum \$50 buy-in will receive a TY Beanie Baby and one drawing entry for a chance to win an authentic 6-inch Labubu keychain. Twelve winners will be selected each session.

**Final Fridays**  
Friday, Feb. 27: The first chance coverall at the 7 p.m. session will pay \$5,000. All other sessions will have \$1000 first chance coverall.

**VGK Rainbow Pack**  
During all sessions on VGK game days during the 2025-2026 season, all True Rewards bingo players that wear VGK apparel will receive five free electronic rainbow packs.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.



## Assuming the Worst

**Hi Guy,**  
This week when I was at Bingo, I was hit with one of my biggest dreads—a woman with two small kids arrived at Bingo late after I was all settled in and sat at my table.

I could just imagine how the evening would go, with these two littles squirming, fussing and complaining and being bored while I tried to ignore them and concentrate on the numbers. So, I was surprised and a little ashamed when they sat quietly in their chairs and did coloring books and drawings and minded their manners for the entire night.

When the games ended and we were all packing up to leave, I made a point of telling the kids how impressed I was with their good behavior and complimented their Mom for the good job she was doing raising them. The woman positively lit up when I said this and said that as a single Mom, she did worry about

how good of a job she was doing. It gave me a second pang of shame that it had not occurred to me that this woman brought her kids to Bingo because she clearly had no other option. I decided from that moment that I would not be so quick to look negatively on a single parent and his or her kids in social situations. —Henry, via email

**Hi Henry,**  
I'm a total sucker for kids—except for the ones you feared you might be confronted with—noisy, misbehaving brats who should not be allowed in public. Ever!  
I'm glad you realized that we should never assume the worst when it comes to kids at Bingo. While some folks argue that Bingo is gambling and children should not be "exposed" to it, others, like me, see it as a game and have no problem with kids playing or simply being in the hall with an adult. Well behaved kids, that is. And may we all be less quick to judge others, kids or adults. —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 the editor at [tara@bingobugle.com](mailto:tara@bingobugle.com). Be sure to include your name and address (you may request that your name not be published), as typically Guy will not include anonymous letters in his columns.



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Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.



## Low-Stress Entertaining Starts Here

Some of the best gatherings I've ever hosted were powered by simple food, mismatched napkins and the sheer charm of wonderful people being together. Instead of stressing about elaborate spreads or complicated appetizers, let's bring the joy back to hosting with low-cost, low-fuss tricks. **Easy, Affordable Entertaining Tips**  
Share the Spotlight with a Potluck: Ask guests to bring a favorite side or appetizer while you handle the main dish. It lightens the load and the bill.  
Create Instant Ambiance: Dim the lights, turn on lamps, light a candle — instant cozy, no decorating required.  
Set Up a Self-Serve Drink Station: A few bottles of vino, a pitcher of sparkling water, some citrus, ice and glasses let guests help themselves while you enjoy the party.  
Think "Nibbles." Not a Buffet: Crackers, fruit, veggies and your cream cheese spread looks generous without draining your time or budget.  
Make Something You Can Ignore: Cream cheese dips and spreads shine here — no wilting, no reheating.  
Start with my "Mother of All Cream Cheese Dips," a simple base — like a mother sauce — that every other flavor can be built on. Use whatever you have: herbs, cheese, leftover roast veggies, odds and ends. It turns out a

little different each time, always delicious and perfect for effortless appetizers or last-minute hostess gifts. The very definition of frugal and fabulous!

**THE MOTHER OF ALL CREAM CHEESE DIPS**  
1 1/2 cups  
1 hour 5 mins.

1 (8-ounce) block cream cheese, at room temperature  
1/2 cup sour cream or mayonnaise, at room temperature  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
**Optional Mix-Ins (use one, some, or all — whatever's handy):**  
1 green onion, thinly sliced  
1/2 cup shredded aged cheddar or other cheese  
1/4 cup bacon crumbles  
1/4 cup toasted almonds

Place the cream cheese in a bowl and beat with an electric mixer on high for about 2 minutes, until it's light and fluffy. Scrape the bowl, then add the sour cream or mayo, salt, garlic powder and pepper. Beat on high for another minute. Taste and adjust the seasoning — this is your dip, after all.

Refrigerate for at least 1 hour so the flavors can get acquainted and settle in. Serve with breadsticks, pretzels, mini bagels, crackers or chips.

Note: The longer it chills, the better it gets, which makes this a perfect make-ahead recipe for busy hosts. Leftovers keep in the fridge for up to a week, although "leftover dip" is mostly a theoretical concept.

What else can you add? Truly anything else you love, like chopped herbs, leftover roasted veggies, a spoonful of pesto, diced olives, sundried tomatoes, everything bagel seasoning. This recipe is here for your creativity and your

fridge clean-outs.  
At the end of the day, people aren't coming over to evaluate your culinary skills or inspect your baseboards. They show up for laughter, warmth and the simple comfort of being welcomed. A cozy room, a low-stress menu and the delicious variety of potluck goodness is more than enough to make your home the spot everyone remembers.

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## celebrity extra by cindy elavsky

**Q:** When is the new *Yellowstone* series that focuses on Kayce Dutton premiering, and which streamer will it be on? —M.M.  
**A:** *Yellowstone*'s creator Taylor Sheridan just signed a deal with Peacock that is said to possibly be worth at least \$1 billion. As NBC's streaming service, Peacock is where you'll find *Yellowstone*, but its spin-off prequels, *1883* and *1923*, are only on Paramount+.

The story of rancher and former Navy SEAL Kayce Dutton (played by Luke Grimes) will continue on network television, namely CBS, beginning on Sunday, March 1, 2026, when he joins an elite unit of United States marshals. Like most network dramas, *Y: Marshals* is a procedural that focuses on a new case each week. Joining Grimes are fellow *Yellowstone* alum Brecken Merrill as Kayce's son, Tate, and Gil Birmingham as casino mogul Thomas Rainwater.

New faces include Logan Marshall-Green as Kayce's old friend Pete, as well as Arielle Kebbel, Ash Santos, and Tatiana Means as fellow U.S. marshals. The big boss will be played by Brett Cullen, who will have you asking your spouse, "Where do I know this guy from?" He's a terrific character actor whose credits go back to 1980.

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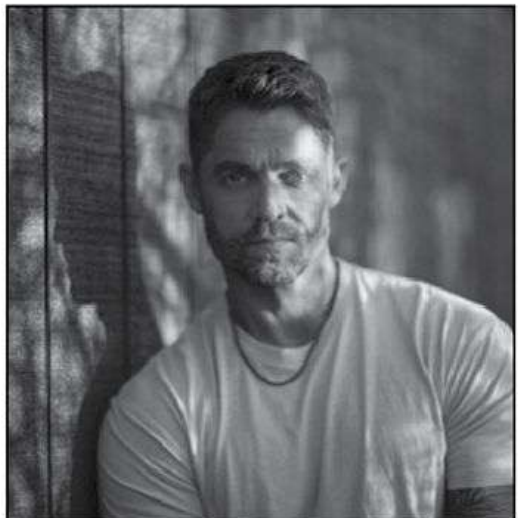
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## SUNSET STATION®

Country music superstar Brett Young to bring 2.0 Tour to the Sunset Amphitheater at Sunset Station

Friday, April 24, 2026. Doors open at 6 p.m.  
Tickets on sale – Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 10 a.m.

LAS VEGAS – January 12, 2026 – Country music superstar Brett Young is bringing his highly-anticipated 2.0 Tour to Sunset Station on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 8 p.m. Performed under the stars at the Sunset Amphitheater at Sunset Station, tickets are \$57.50 plus applicable fees and go on sale Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 10 a.m.



From his self-titled debut in 2017, Brett Young has captured the hearts of fans everywhere through his honest lyrics and West Coast meets Southern sound, aptly dubbed his "Caliville" style. With more than 8.5 billion global streams and seven consecutive No. 1 singles, Rolling Stone has called him "one of Country's most consistent radio stars," carving a lane as one of the genre's most successful and relatable voices. With an impressive string of hits including "In Case You Didn't Know" (DIAMOND), "Mercy" (4X PLATINUM), "Sleep Without You" (2X PLATINUM), "Like I Loved You" (2X PLATINUM), "Here Tonight" (2X PLATINUM), "Catch" (PLATINUM) and "Lady" (PLATINUM), he has cemented his status as a master of matters of the heart. Following his acclaimed second studio album *Ticket To L.A.*, Young broadened his emotional scope on *Weekends Look A Little Different These Days*, which features "You Didn't" (GOLD) and "Lady," whose lyrics inspired his debut children's book titled *Love You, Little Lady*. One of the few modern Country artists to

see their first seven singles go No. 1, Young debuted atop the Billboard Country Albums chart with *Ticket To L.A.*, while his self-titled debut spent 37 weeks inside the Top 20. He has earned honors including ACM's New Male Artist of the Year and ASCAP's Country Songwriter Artist of the Year, along with nominations from Billboard, Teen Choice, CMT and CMA Awards.

Tickets for the Brett Young 2.0 Tour are \$57.50 and \$87.50 plus applicable fees for standing room only and go on sale Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 10 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at any Station Casinos Reward Center or online by logging onto [stationcasinoslive.com](http://stationcasinoslive.com) or [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). Guests under 21 must be accompanied by an adult 21 years or older.







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Saturday, February 14 • All Sessions  
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**Tips for Bankroll  
Management  
Part II**

Last month we covered the rules of the session bankroll and proportional betting for the recreational blackjack player. This month we explore the details of varying your bets and more tips and strategies.

**Varying Your Bets**

The "safest" way to bet at blackjack when you don't have the edge is to make the minimum size bet on every hand. This will decrease your theoretical loss and reduce your risk of busting out quickly.

However, most recreational players find betting the same amount on every hand not very exciting. Therefore, they use some type of progressive betting system to vary their bets, where you increase or decrease bet based on whether your previous hand won or lost. The bottom line on progressive betting systems is this: mathematically speaking, you can't, and you won't, gain the advantage over the casino using a progressive betting system. Nevertheless, for those players who insist on varying their bets, I suggest using a conservative system known as Oscar's Grind. It works like this.

You begin your progression with a one-unit bet and after every win, you bet one unit more than the previous bet; after any loss, you bet the same as the previous bet. The goal is to win one unit for each series of bets, with this stipulation: you never place a bet that would result in a win of more than one unit for the series.

**More Tips to Preserve Your Playing Bankroll**

You can preserve your session (and total) bankroll longer by decreasing your hourly theoretical losses (due to the house edge). Here are some ways to do this.

- Always use the basic playing strategy when you play in either a land-based or an online casino. You can reduce the house edge to roughly a half percent (playing-rules dependent), which will decrease your theoretical hourly losses. (Dominate the idea about how much money you will save by using the basic blackjack strategy is very important here)

- Check the playing rules. You want player-favorable rules (e.g., doubling down after pair splitting; dealer standing on soft 17, etc. And you definitely want to avoid rules that increase the house edge, such as a blackjack paying 6-5 instead of 3-2, dealer hits soft 17, or no soft doubling allowed. (The greater the mix of player-favorable rules, the lower will be the house edge. For more on this, read Chapter 2 in the Ultimate Blackjack Strategy Guide.)

- If you are playing in a land-based casino, get rated for your play. The comps the casino will give you have value, which can reduce the cost of playing. Depending on the value of the comps, you can end up playing even or enjoy a net positive expectation.

- Take advantage of gambling coupons (e.g., match play, blackjack bonus payoff, free ace, etc.). These coupons give you an edge on a hand when you use them, which will save you money.

- Play on crowded tables. This reduces the number of hands you play per hour (which decreases the exposure of your bankroll against the house edge), and correspondingly, reduces your hourly theoretical losses.

Online blackjack games are significantly faster than playing in a land-based casino

with a live dealer. The more hands you play per hour, the greater your theoretical losses. If the software allows you to adjust the speed of play, I recommend that you dial down to slow play. In addition, you should shop around for the best new-player promotions (another money saver).

Lastly, I don't want to leave you the impression that by using only the basic playing strategy with the above bankroll and betting suggestions, it will make you a long-term winner. Mathematically it won't. However, as a recreational player you'll be using the best playing, betting, and money management techniques to:

5. Reduce the cost of playing to a minimum
6. Reduce the risk of going broke during a three-hour playing session, and

7. Allow you, with a little luck, to have some exciting winning sessions.

Good luck!



**GROUNDHOG DAY-FEB 2**



Sharon H. won \$2,000 at  
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Karen G. and Ron G. from Utah won  
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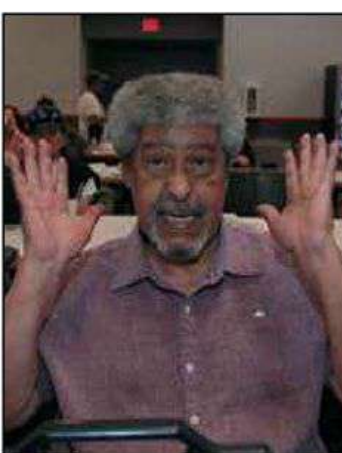
Pearl R. of Visalia, California was all smiles when she won \$10,000 at Gold Coast's Bingo event! Congratulations on the big win, Pearl!



It was a holiday to remember! (L-R) D.J. Lee O., joined patrons Joy A., Delilah V., Green Valley Ranch Bingo Manager Michelle G., Bingo Agent Lori B., Bingo Agent Javier S., Ester A., Mary Ann K., and Bar Manager Jennifer A., in celebrating the holidays at Green Valley Ranch's Bubbly & Bingo!



Mother and Son, James S. and Concepcion S. of Alaska enjoyed their Las Vegas vacation at South Point, taking home \$600!



Bobby M. of Las Vegas was so excited when he called out bingo and won \$2,500 at Arizona Charlie's



Tillie A. of Mesquite, NV spent her Saturday at Virgin River and won \$500

## Nevada Happenings

### Fireworks Championship

The International Fireworks Championship Las Vegas will be held at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Saturday Feb. 21. This fireworks competition debut features multiple elaborate displays throughout the evening, as four teams from around the world perform 12- to 15- minute shows, with 15-minute entertainment-filled breaks between them. Described as a "full-on sensory experience," these are "incredibly intense and creative displays, exploding lower to the ground, and they're all highly choreographed and synchronized to music." Tickets are on sale now, starting at \$95 per person for general admission and \$144 for reserved seats. Gates open at 2:30 p.m., with the first fireworks show starting around 6 p.m. The program concludes around 8:30 p.m., when a world championship team will be crowned.

### Red Rock Regal Theater Renovation

Station's Red Rock Casino has completed a major renovation of its 16-screen Regal movie theater. The lobby has been upgraded, the bar expanded (with craft beers and specialty drinks), a spacious lounge has been added for group gatherings before or after movies, and an RPX screen (Regal Cinemas' proprietary premium large format) is now part of the mix, along with IMAX and 4DX. Tickets remain \$10-\$15, with discounts for Regal loyalty members.

### David Byrne at the Colosseum

David Byrne, lead singer and prime mover of the influential '80s rock, punk, and funk band Talking Heads, will play one show at the Colosseum at Caesars Palace on April

20. Talking Heads formed up in New York in 1977 and issued eight studio albums before disbanding in 1991. They're biggest hits were *Once in a Lifetime*, *Burning Down the House* and *Road to Nowhere*. In his post-Talking Heads solo career, Byrne has received an Academy Award, a Grammy, a Special Tony, and a Golden Globe and is an inductee to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

### Eggslut Opens at the Rio

Eggslut, the popular long-time breakfast-foot counter at the Cosmopolitan, opened at the Rio this past holiday season. Eggslut began life as a food truck in L.A. in 2011 and has since gone global, with locations as far flung as the UK, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Kuwait, and of course Las Vegas. The venue at Cosmo serves four breakfast sandwiches (\$9-\$10.50), cheeseburger (\$12.50), tri-tip sandwich (\$16.50), the Slut (coddled egg on potato puree, \$11.50), truffle hash browns (\$6), and coffee (\$6). The Rio location will open at 7 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. The Rio also has a Hash House A Go Go, open 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., so there're plenty of breakfasts to go around. And parking is free.

### Chubby Chinatown

Chubby Group, the hospitality company behind the Chubby Cattle restaurant, is partnering with Hashi Market to create Chubby World in Chinatown at the corner of Spring Mountain and Valley View. Plans call for a four-story complex that features a theater for cosplay shows, anime, and cultural events, a Tokyo-style food court, a Hashi Market, and a music venue for concerts and a late-night club. A timetable for the project wasn't disclosed at press time.

### Million Dollar December Hit

It was a lucky holiday weekend for one Fontainebleau Las Vegas guest—on Thanksgiving Day the player bet \$25 and won over \$1,152,000 on a high-limit Dragon Link slot machine.

## The Resort at Summerlin

### February Bingo Room Promotions

**Big Game Sunday** – February 8<sup>th</sup> – All sessions include - Bonus Ball G-60 for \$1000 any number ending in "0" for \$250 / NFL fan special - wear NFL apparel get Five free electronic small rainbows (validation required, \$50 minimum buy in)

### Big Bingo Weekend February 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

**Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** – R-Ball guaranteed to be \$5,000 at 1pm, 3pm, 7pm and 9pm

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** – 5 X \$1000 coveralls at 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 7pm and 9pm / Free Small Rainbow with every \$50 spent

**\*5pm Happy Hour\*** 3X \$500 coveralls/ Drawings for Free Bingo Play, Free Slot Play and dining Comps

**\*11pm session** – Regular pay / 3X \$500 coveralls

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** – \*Special\*11pm session – Regular pay / 3X \$500 coveralls

**Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** – Presidents Day All sessions include - 3X \$1000 coveralls / Bonus Ball - Bingo on "I-16" for \$1000 any number ending in "6" \$250(validation required)

**Chinese New Year Bonus Ball February 18<sup>th</sup>** – Bingo on B-8 for \$888 "any number ending in "8" for \$88

**Monday** – Half price Bingo when paying with points. (Points vouchers issued at resort rewards center –Redeemed in Bingo)

**Wednesday** – Three Free Small rainbows (\$50 minimum buy in)

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5. Now You See Me: Now You Don't (PG-13) Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson
6. Kill Bill: The Whole Bloody Affair (NR) Uma Thurman, Lucy Liu
7. Eternity (PG-13) Miles Teller, Elizabeth Olsen
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## February Bingo

### VALENTINE'S DAY

February 14, 2026 (11am / 7pm)

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February 16, 2026 (11am / 7pm)

**"DOUBLE PAY ALL THE WAY"  
TWO \$500 COVERALLS**

**RIVER BALL (B-14) \$1,000**

All Sessions 2/14

**PRESIDENTS DAY BALL (I-16) \$1,000**

All Sessions 2/16

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Tuesday, February 10 & 24 (1pm)

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**2nd Chance \$500**

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Sunday, February 22 (1pm)

**\$75 Buy-in**

**All players get 75 Electronic Cards**



### BOOT SCOOT'N COUNTRY

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Doors & Sales 8pm / Session 9pm

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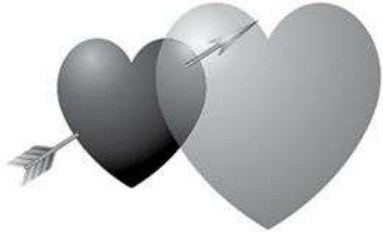




## Support Your Local Bingos!

**Dear Aunt Bingo,**  
We just had a church Bingo close because of lack of attendance. I was talking with my sister on the phone last week and she said that one of her favorite Bingos closed a few months ago. I think this is terrible and I am worried that more Bingos might close.  
I hope you will print this letter in your column to encourage people to keep supporting their local Bingos and do all they can to encourage new players to come and enjoy the Bingo games.  
—*Staci C., Illinois, via e-mail*

**Dear Staci,**  
These are wise words—for two reasons. First, we all love Bingo and want as many opportunities to play in as many Bingo halls as possible. Secondly, charity Bingo is a crucial source of revenue for countless charitable organizations. Without the support of local Bingo halls, the good works of these charities will either be scaled back or may disappear altogether.



## Lucky Lotto News

**Left Behind Ticket Nets Big Win**  
A Michigan man won big in the lottery after discovering a scratch-off ticket left on a gas station counter. According to a news release from the Michigan Lottery, an anonymous 33-year-old Wayne County man took home the top \$1 million prize after picking up a ticket for the state's Blazing Suits game while visiting a Detroit gas station. "There was a Blazing Suits ticket set aside on the counter that someone else had decided not to purchase, so I purchased it," the player said in a statement, sharing that he made the decision to buy the \$10 scratch-off ticket from the counter, rather than grab a new one. "I scratched the ticket off and couldn't believe it when I saw it was a \$1 million winner!" he recalled. "I never would have thought I'd win such a large lottery prize, so it's truly a blessing." The winner visited the Lottery's headquarters to claim his prize and opted to receive his winnings as a one-time lump sum payment of about \$693,000, rather than annuity payments for the full amount. According to the player, he hopes to save the money for a rainy day. "Winning is a great feeling, but it's also a lot of pressure because your mind starts thinking of all the different things you can do with this amount of money," he said.

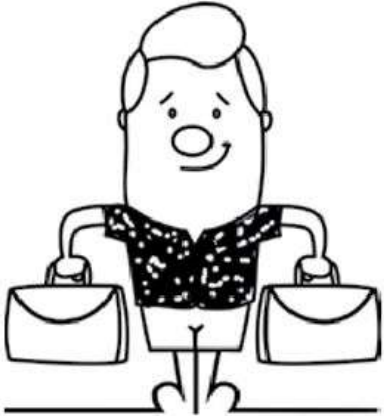
**Another Unusual Michigan Win**  
This isn't the only time in the past year that a lottery player in Michigan became a prize winner after choosing their ticket in an unusual way. A woman won \$100,000 playing Powerball after she used ChatGPT to pick her numbers. Tammy Carvey, 45, of Wyandotte, bought a lottery ticket online at MichiganLottery.com for the Sept. 6 drawing. "I asked ChatGPT for a set of Powerball numbers, and those are

Let's all act on Staci's call to action. Help support your favorite Bingo hall by bringing a new player—a son, a daughter, a spouse, a neighbor—to the next games you attend. This simple act will help guarantee the future of the game we love and the good works it supports. And consider volunteering, a critical factor in charity bingo's continued success! —*Aunt Bingo*

**Dear Aunt Bingo,**  
Last night I played Bingo at a Bingo hall in Arizona. When I entered the hall and went to the table I normally sit at, I looked down and found a debit card on the floor. I immediately went to the Bingo cashier, and she knew who the person was that lost the debit card. She gave it to her, and I did not even get a thank you from that woman. How rude are people? Lucky the right person found it.  
—*DS, via e-mail*

**Dear DS,**  
Manners definitely seem to be falling by the wayside more and more these days. Often its young people who lack manners, which makes it all the more galling when we see rude behavior from our peers. This woman's behavior aside, the important thing to remember is that you did the right thing and the card was returned to its owner. Thank you! —*Aunt Bingo*

Write to Aunt Bingo c/o the Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or email her editor at tara@bingobugle.com. Be sure to include your name and address (you can request your name not be published), as typically she will not include anonymous letters in her columns.



the numbers I played on my ticket," she explained. "It wasn't until I logged into my Michigan Lottery account that I realized I added the Power Play to my ticket and actually won \$100,000. My husband and I were in total disbelief," she said.

**Goodluck Grandma**  
A man is crediting a surprise run-in with his grandma at an Illinois convenience store as the reason why he ended up winning a \$1 million Powerball prize. The lucky winner, who gave himself the fitting nickname "Grandma is My Lucky Charm," told lottery officials that his luck began after he decided to purchase the ticket at a Road Ranger in Rochelle. "The \$240 million jackpot drawing was that night, but I work late, so I took a quick lunch break to grab a ticket and try my luck," he said. Before he even walked into the store, he noticed a car that looked just like the one his grandma drove. "And guess what? It was her car and she was right by the cash register, checking out," he said. Then she ran over and gave him a hug. Later that night he got the big news when he scanned his ticket and saw the words: "You won \$1,000,004." In addition to matching all five numbers—13-16-18-20-27—in the Oct. 11 Powerball drawing, the ticket netted him another \$4 from a different line of his ticket. Still, he didn't totally believe his win was real until he scanned the ticket a second time. "That's when I started screaming and hyperventilating," he recalled. "I instantly called my grandma, and her first response was, 'Are you sure you won?'" he said. "I checked the numbers manually online, and everything matched—except the Powerball." As for what he plans to do with his winnings, the man said he "definitely" plans to share some of his earnings with his grandma and buy her a new car. He added, "She's my good luck charm!"

**Stickelers Answer**  
Molly is 40 and Milly is 10.

**CryptoQuip**  
answer  
What would you call belief in a magical ability to determine the origins of things? Sourcery.

FLASHBOARD NUMBERS												
B:	02	05	08	12	14							
I:	18	19	21	24	25							
N:	32	33	35	36	39							
G:	47	50	53	55	59							
O:	61	64	69	72	73							



### Test Your Knowledge

- LITERATURE: What is the name of the dragon in *The Hobbit*?
- MOVIES: Which holiday is being celebrated at the end of *When Harry Met Sally*?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to the famous Angkor Wat Temple?
- HISTORY: In which year did the Internet become available to the public?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which wrestler is known by the nickname *The Rock*?
- LANGUAGE: What is cryptophobia?
- TELEVISION: In which state was the sitcom *Newhart* set?
- MATH: How many sides does a nonagon have?
- MUSIC: Which singer/songwriter wrote the soundtrack for the animated movie *Tarzan*?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the essential spice in paella?

- ANSWERS**
- Smaug.
  - New Year's Eve.
  - Cambodia.
  - 1993.
  - Dwayne Johnson.
  - A unique language developed between twins.
  - Vermont.
  - Nine.
  - Phil Collins.
  - Saffron.

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SCRABBLE G R A M S SOLUTION												
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PAR SCORE 250-260								TOTAL	312			

**Word Spiral**  
Answer  
GALLANTRY

**Boggle BrainBusters**  
Answers:  
ROSE LILY DAISY LILAC  
TULIP DAHLIA AZALEA

**Fun Fact**

Japanese chefs consider Gomi (the Five tastes), Gokan (the Five senses), Goshiki (the Five colors) and Goho (the Five cooking methods) to be the most important aspects of meal preparation. It is the chef's duty to make sure that everything creates a satisfying experience for those who are dining.

Sources: maff.go.jp/e/policies, japan-experience.com

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## Lucky Predictions for February 2026

**ARIES:** *March 21 to April 19*  
1st thru 6th...  
Fun on RED 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>\$!  
7th thru 12th...  
Best shots 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>\$  
13th thru 18th...  
Trick moves the 16<sup>th</sup>\$!  
19th thru 24th...  
Best odds 20<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
25th thru 28th...  
Be there the 28<sup>th</sup>!

**TAURUS:** *April 20 to May 20*  
1st thru 6th...  
Plenty of \$S the 4<sup>th</sup>!  
7th thru 12th...  
No dice 'til the 12<sup>th</sup>\$  
13th thru 18th...  
Looks good 13<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
19th thru 24th...  
You're *all* in the 22<sup>nd</sup>\$S  
25th thru 28th...  
BLUE luck 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>\$!

**GEMINI:** *May 21 to June 21*  
1st thru 6th...  
Best advantages 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>!  
7th thru 12th...  
Step aside and wait  
13th thru 18th...  
Place your bets 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>\$  
19th thru 24th...  
Stay and play the 21<sup>st</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>!  
25th thru 28th...  
RED's the key 28<sup>th</sup>\$!

**CANCER:** *June 22 to July 22*  
1st thru 6th...  
Excellent chances the 4<sup>th</sup>\$S  
7th thru 12th...  
Hand over fist 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>\$S  
13th thru 18th...  
Waiting to happen 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>\$!  
19th thru 24th...  
All good the 22<sup>nd</sup>!  
25th thru 28th...  
Lots to appreciate 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>\$S!

**LEO:** *July 23 to Aug. 22*  
1st thru 6th...  
Unique chances the 5<sup>th</sup>\$  
7th thru 12th...  
Double your pleasure 10<sup>th</sup>\$S  
13th thru 18th...  
Cool your jets  
19th thru 24th...  
RED's hot the 20<sup>th</sup>\$!  
25th thru 28th...  
You reign supreme 28<sup>th</sup>\$S

**VIRGO:** *Aug. 23 to Sept. 22*  
1st thru 6th...  
Right on target 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>\$  
7th thru 12th...  
Be strategic 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>\$!  
13th thru 18th...  
Driven to win the 13<sup>th</sup>\$  
19th thru 24th...  
Bom to win the 22<sup>nd</sup>!  
25th thru 28th...  
Risk brings \$S 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

**LIBRA:** *Sept. 23 to Oct. 23*  
1st thru 6th...  
Lucky you 1<sup>st</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>!  
7th thru 12th...  
Outstanding 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>\$S  
13th thru 18th...  
Word up 16<sup>th</sup>\$!  
19th thru 24th...  
Swift returns the 24<sup>th</sup>!  
25th thru 28th...  
Godsend the 28<sup>th</sup>\$

**SCORPIO:** *Oct. 24 to Nov. 21*  
1st thru 6th...  
GREEN attracts \$ 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>  
7th thru 12th...  
Focused efforts 7<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>\$  
13th thru 18th...  
PURPLE pays 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>\$!  
19th thru 24th...  
Disappear for a bit  
25th thru 28th...  
Easy winning 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>\$S

**SAGITTARIUS:** *Nov. 22 to Dec. 21*  
1st thru 6th...  
Fortunate fluke the 5<sup>th</sup>!  
7th thru 12th...  
Go for it 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>\$  
13th thru 18th...  
Succes\$ 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>!  
19th thru 24th...  
Hella luck 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>\$  
25th thru 28th...  
Get on the RED train 28<sup>th</sup>\$S

**CAPRICORN:** *Dec. 22 to Jan. 19*  
1st thru 6th...  
Sly and fly 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>\$!  
7th thru 12th...  
Pace yourself 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
13th thru 18th...  
Totally possible 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>\$  
19th thru 24th...  
Aim high the 22<sup>nd</sup>\$  
25th thru 28th...  
Slight advantage 26<sup>th</sup>

**AQUARIUS:** *Jan. 20 to Feb. 18*  
1st thru 6th...  
In your favor the 6<sup>th</sup>\$  
7th thru 12th...  
Get outta town 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>\$!  
13th thru 18th...  
Got those moves 16<sup>th</sup>\$!  
19th thru 24th...  
Lucky schemes 19<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>\$  
25th thru 28th...  
Save it for March

**PISCES:** *Feb. 19 to March 20*  
1st thru 6th...  
Observe and wait  
7th thru 12th...  
Envy of all 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>\$  
13th thru 18th...  
One after another 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>\$S  
19th thru 24th...  
Solid gains the 22<sup>nd</sup>\$!  
25th thru 28th...  
Amazing luck 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>\$S

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

PREDICTORS LUCKY CARD FOR FEBRUARY 2026												
8	22	34	48	74								
15	27	33	54	68								
2	20	★	50	61								
12	18	40	52	65								
6	25	42	59	62								

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS FEBRUARY 2026												
1st	Full Moon	☾										
1st	National Freedom Day											
2nd	Groundhog Day											
6th	National Wear Red Day											
8th	Super Bowl											
9th	Last Quarter Moon	☾										
14th	Valentine's Day											
16th	Presidents' Day											
17th	New Moon	☾										
17th	Lunar New Year											
24th	First Quarter Moon	☾										
26th	National Pistachio Day											



## Horoscopes for February 2026

**ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20):** You're about to engage with the complexities of bringing new creations to life. This process will force you to reevaluate your relationships. A maturation process is underway, one that blends the imaginal with the discipline required to bring ideas to fruition.  
**Lucky Days:** 1 - 10  
**Lucky Numbers:** 19 - 56

**TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21):** You're exiting a learning curve that forced you to confront feelings of insecurity and submission. You learned firsthand to confirm that some things *aren't* knowable or controllable. An opportunity arises this year to simplify the complexities in your life. But you must be willing to go where others fear to tread.  
**Lucky Days:** 8 - 23  
**Lucky Numbers:** 3 - 33

**GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21):** Make a commitment to adopt a realistic approach toward your goals now. Bring outside assistance to help anchor you to the most realistic path forward: a wise friend, a skilled instructor (or savvy accountant) can assist you in getting where you want to go with minimal frustration.  
**Lucky Days:** 9 - 11  
**Lucky Numbers:** 2 - 17

**CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22):** February requires that you tighten things up on the domestic front. Exert your authority to straighten up any unruly financial situations. Furthermore, minimize clutter—both literal and figurative. You operate optimally when your environment reflects order and security.  
**Lucky Days:** 8 - 21  
**Lucky Numbers:** 5 - 43

**LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23):** You might feel frustrated if you depend too much on others and their opinions. Ask yourself if you can forge a new path that isn't dependent on approval. If you feel feedback is necessary, be discerning about whom you invite to assess your plans. See if you can find a middle zone between self-promotion and rethinking what you're attempting to share.  
**Lucky Days:** 11 - 20  
**Lucky Numbers:** 4 - 32

**PREDICTORS**  
LUCKY CARD FOR FEBRUARY 2026

**SCRAMBLER ANSWER:** 1. Valor 2. Humaner 3. Obscurer 4. Impel  
Today's Word: NERVOUS

**JUMBLES:** BOTCH WINCE BOTANY WEEKLY

Answer: The baseball team's winning streak continued — "WON" BY "WON"

**HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES:** 1. Hammer is longer. 2. Treehouse is not as wide. 3. Tree trunk is different. 4. House is wider. 5. Cap is different. 6. Hand is moved.

**CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:** Normal is an illusion. What is normal to the spider is chaos to the fly. — Morticia Addams

**VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23):** You want to shine now! Your desire to return to an active social life is kicking back into gear. Existing, long-term relationships might feel stale; reassess carefully who is going to stay and who will go. If you're partnered, speak with your mate about your needs rather than expecting them to read your mind.  
**Lucky Days:** 22 - 28  
**Lucky Numbers:** 3 - 23

**LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23):** You have a strong compulsion to clear the decks now—on all fronts: work, home, and your social circle. Important clues for your new direction are percolating in your unconscious. For guidance, pay attention to your dreams and where your mind wanders when you're at peace.  
**Lucky Days:** 8 - 25  
**Lucky Numbers:** 19 - 50

**SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22):** Liberation is buzzing in the air for you now. Uranus—the disruptor—has finally exited its opposition to your sign, and you feel like a genie released from a bottle. Assuming your new path forward requires a willingness to relinquish the past. Let it go, let it blow.  
**Lucky Days:** 2 - 12  
**Lucky Numbers:** 3 - 18

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21):** You might feel lodged between two worlds this month. Surprising and shocking revelations keep coming at you—left and right. How bumpy the ride ahead will be will depend on your willingness to embrace transformation. One door closes another door opens.  
**Lucky Days:** 3 - 10  
**Lucky Numbers:** 6 - 60

**CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20):** Part of you loves the peace of mind that solitude allows. But as spring approaches, you find yourself ready to circulate and promote the various projects you've cultivated. Stay social, but then continue to carve out the private time you require to recharge your batteries.  
**Lucky Days:** 4 - 27  
**Lucky Numbers:** 5 - 19

**AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19):** Pluto, the regenerating planet, in your sign for a long haul, requires that you embrace the process of removing dead wood. You can expect this to challenge your self-confidence. And that's OK; you're on your way to establishing a whole new way of experiencing yourself (and the world.)  
**Lucky Days:** 3 - 9  
**Lucky Numbers:** 2 - 44

**PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20):** Saturn will (finally) exit your sign for good; stop and congratulate yourself. You've been forged into an entirely new person. Reviewing the past couple of years, you'll see that commitment and discipline won the day for you. Now you're ready to return to the free-flowing nature of your imagination.  
**Lucky Days:** 1 - 10  
**Lucky Numbers:** 6 - 15

**COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS**

**SCRAMBLER ANSWER:** 1. Valor 2. Humaner 3. Obscurer 4. Impel  
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**BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS**  
Solution time: 24 mins.

**SUDOKU ANSWERS**  
Solution time: 24 mins.

**MAGICMAZE ANSWERS**  
—STICK



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