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\$19,210 PROGRESSIVE COVERALL



Progressive Coverall winner at **Green Valley Ranch** during the 9pm session. Christine won \$19,210. Pictured with Christine is her husband, Richard. Congratulations!

HAPPY RETIREMENT!



Officially retired on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.
Peggy, you will be deeply missed by your bingo family. Thank you for 17 ½ years of dedication, laughter, and friendship. We wish you a happy and relaxing retirement and hope to see you back in the **Suncoast** bingo room as a lucky bingo player!

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Fun Fact

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Ophidiophobia is an anxiety disorder that interferes with your daily life.

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0-10 = Try again

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We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST SEVEN FLOWERS in the grid of letters.



Don't Overlook Your Dental Health As You Age

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

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

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

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

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

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

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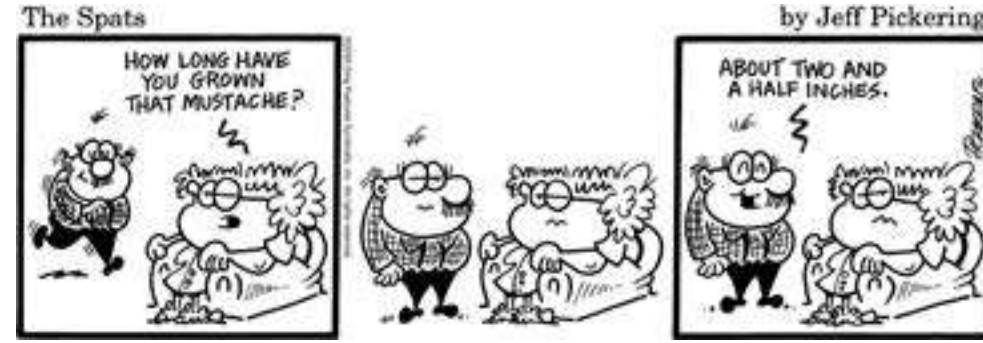
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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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 inverted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Small container	A _ _ _ _ _	Fence style	_ I _ _ _ _
2. Chef's bib	_ P _ _ _ _	Ohio city	_ K _ _ _ _
3. Portion	_ H _ _ _ _	Ogle	_ T _ _ _ _
4. Peril	_ _ N _ _ _	Short knife	_ _ G _ _ _
5. Twisted hairdo	_ _ _ D _ _	Thinking organ	_ _ _ N _ _
6. Writing style	_ _ _ S _ _	Provide evidence	_ _ _ V _ _
7. Center	M _ _ _ _ _	Brain teaser	R _ _ _ _ _
8. Hatching	_ H _ _ _ _	Hit it off	_ L _ _ _ _
9. Resuscitate	_ _ _ V _ _	Edit	_ _ _ _ S _
10. Bracelet locale	_ R _ _ _ _	Foursome card game	_ H _ _ _ _



♥ WRA
WUCREF
GOWAL
♥ EWNH
♥ SECTHA
♥ NSI
♥ ERCA
♥ ERTWO
♥ EEW
EGHTUS
♥ HANIC
♥ AGSR

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.



BJORN'S SLOW-COOKER CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP
Makes 6-8 servings

Soup Ingredients:
2 14.5-ounce cans stewed tomatoes
1 15-ounce can black beans
1 4-ounce can diced green chili peppers
1 15-ounce can chicken broth
2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breasts (or 1 pound for a less-dense soup)

Toppings:
Grated cheddar cheese
Cilantro
Mung bean sprouts
Tortilla chips, crushed

Place all soup ingredients in a slow cooker and stir together lightly. Cover, set slow cooker to low, and cook for 6-8 hours. When ready to serve, remove the cooked chicken and shred into bite-sized pieces with a fork.

Place the shredded chicken back in the slow cooker and stir. Cook for another hour if you wish, or ladle in large soup bowls. Add toppings according to taste. Serve with a green salad and enjoy fresh fruit for dessert.

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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Cool Idea for Hot Day

Mention "slow-cooker meals" during a hot day, and your mind undoubtedly drifts to chilly fall and winter weather eating. Mine, too, until my oldest son, Bjorn, took charge of dinner one night and ladled up bowlfuls of his tasty slow-cooker chicken tortilla soup. Topped with crisp bean sprouts from the Asian market, cilantro from the garden, and a handful of grated cheese and crushed chips, his version of a Tex-Mex/Asian fusion made for healthy family fare!

It gets even better when considering the 3-minute prep time factor. No need to saute the chicken or chop vegetables ahead of time. Simply let your kids open 5 cans of basic ingredients while you unwrap a package of fresh chicken breasts. Dump all the food in the cooker, turn it to low, and the soup's on in 6-8 hours. It doesn't get much easier than this!



Trout Tips

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

Dear Marilyn,
When I serve Rainbow Trout or any other fresh water catch, I try to grill it on the barbecue. I have the head and tail cut off and

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

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

RAINBOW TROUT—POACHED

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

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

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Even Exchange answers

1. Packet, Picket	6. Prose, Prove
2. Apron, Akron	7. Middle, Riddle
3. Share, Stare	8. Chick, Click
4. Danger, Dagger	9. Revive, Revise
5. Braid, Brain	10. Wrist, Whist



JoAnn A. (L) of Maryland and her long time 20 year best friend Cathy B. (R) of California enjoyed a fun night out at Aliante's "Sing Along" Bingo!



Edwin D. won an exciting \$10,170 at Arizona Charlie's

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Gaming News

latest Bulletin signals that this issue has fully crossed over into mainstream awareness as a major financial and social threat to older Americans.

New Scorese Series

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

Prediction Markets Commentary

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

AARP Bulletin Takes on iGaming

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

Super Bingo at Plaza Hotel & Casino offers BOGO registration for Canadians

Canadians can bring a friend for free to all three summer events

LAS VEGAS (June 1, 2026) – Home to downtown Las Vegas' only bingo room, the Plaza Hotel & Casino is offering Canadian residents with valid passports the opportunity to register for the Super Bingo events occurring in June, July and August and bring a friend for free.



Held in the Plaza's ballroom, Super Bingo draws nearly 1,000 people from across the country and as well as many bingo enthusiasts from Canada for the opportunity to win big playing fun-filled games of bingo over two days.

The Plaza will host its monthly \$160,000 Super Bingo event June 15-17 and Aug. 3-5. July 3-5, the Plaza will hold a special \$250,000 Super Bingo to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary.

Bingo-only registration is \$160 per person for the June and August events, or \$250 per person for the special July event. Canadian residents who register online and specify in the comments/special requests section that they have a valid Canadian passport will be contacted by the Plaza's bingo staff to register a friend for free. Online Super Bingo registration is available at <https://www.plazahotelcasino.com/bingo/super-bingo-registration/>.

Hotel-and-bingo packages are also available and start at \$140 for a four-night stay with no resort fee for the June and August events or \$200 for a five-night stay with no resort fee for the special July event.

All Super Bingo players receive one 6-on paper pack for both days, two daubers, free drinks via an open bar at all sessions, pastries and Pinkbox Doughnuts in the morning, boxed lunches each day, and \$10 in free slot play after the first day's session. Bingo at the Plaza Hotel & Casino

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

Brightline in Financial Trouble


MSN reported recently that Brightline is officially worried about its continued solvency. Its outside auditor, Ernst and Young, which prepared the company's 2025 financial statements, warned that Brightline “does not currently have the liquid funds necessary to service its debt and meet such other obligations as they become due.” Indeed, Brightline didn't make interest payments of \$117 million due early this year and the grace period was set to expire at press time. It's trying to secure funding, but said in a statement, “Substantial doubt remains as to the ability of the company to continue as a going concern.” Thus, there's substantial concurrent doubt that the high-speed rail line between southern California and Las Vegas can continue to come to fruition.

Reporting by www.lasvegasadvisor.com

Fun Fact

Every three seconds, somewhere in the world a baby is born.

A baby has 300 separate bones at birth but by adulthood has only 206. Some bones, like the skull, fuse together over time.



Babies are born with soft kneecaps.

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FLASHBACK

POP ROCK & SOUL TRIVIA BY MIKE

QUESTIONS

- Where did Beatle George Harrison get his idea for “While My Guitar Gently Weeps”?
- Paul Revere & the Raiders were originally known by what name?
- What was the Big Bopper's real name?
- Which artist released an album titled *Highway 61 Revisited*?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: “I'll try every trick in the book, With every step that you take, everywhere that you look.”

ANSWERS

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

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The Architect of Deception

by Debbie Baldwin

In Debbie Baldwin's latest, privilege and power mask a far more dangerous game. Razz James — once destined for Manhattan's elite circles — has spent six years unraveling in grief after his twin brother's death. When his best friend receives an invitation to an exclusive secret society, Razz seizes the distraction, volunteering for an initiation challenge that seems reckless but harmless: steal a memento from a billionaire's fantastical mansion high above the city.

He pulls it off — or so he thinks. When a body surfaces, Razz is thrust into a twisting web of lies, corruption and shifting loyalties, where wealth bends the rules and truth is anything but fixed.

Blending psychological tension with high-society intrigue, Baldwin delivers a layered thriller packed with riddles, red herrings and escalating stakes. As Razz races to uncover the mastermind behind it all, one question drives the suspense: in a world built on deception, who can he trust?

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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

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

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

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

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

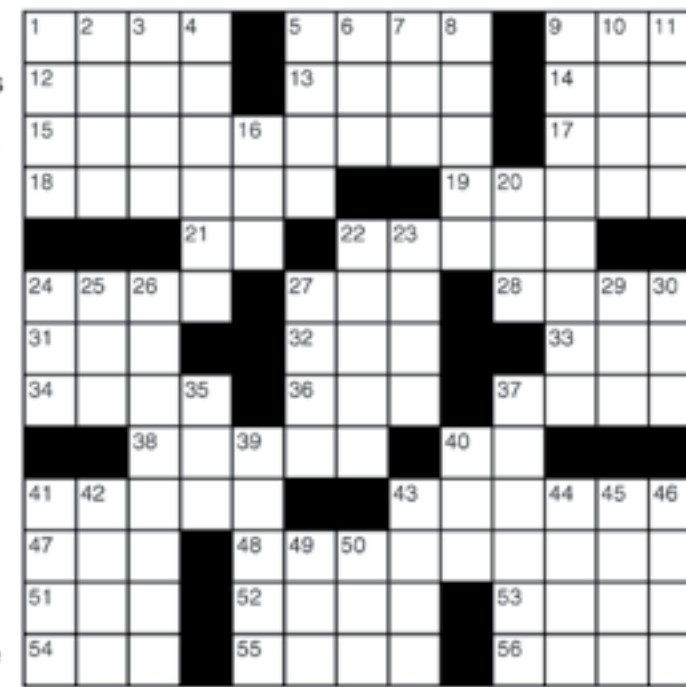
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COFFEE BREAK!

BINGO BUGLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Met melody
- "CSI" settings
- Apply cream
- Fender bender
- Gumbo need
- Mode lead-in
- Instrument panel
- Homer's neighbor
- Thread holders
- "Tiny Alice" playwright
- "Heavens!"
- Spud
- Green gem
- Church seat
- Ken or Barbie
- Glamorous Gardner
- Shoe width
- Teeny
- Baseball glove
- British "Inc."
- B'rith
- Soil
- Opposite of nyet
- "Yippee!"
- Vile
- Ghostly greeting
- Music group at a New Year's Eve party



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| 51 Wall St. debut | 8 Nasser's successor | 30 Tiki bar neck-lace |
| 52 Jacob's twin | 9 "The Da Vinci Code" author | 35 Eastern path |
| 53 Author Ferber | 10 Out of the storm | 37 Sweeney Todd, for one |
| 54 "A mouse!" | 11 Ordered | 39 Actress Winona |
| 55 Peel | 16 Journalist | 40 Female hare |
| 56 Optimistic | Nellie | 41 Theater award |
| | 2 Harvest | 42 Aspiration |
| | 3 Not — many words | 43 Gulf War missile |
| | 4 Not on the road | 44 Pedestal part |
| | 5 Novelist Anita | 25 Bird (Pref.) |
| | 6 Alias letters | 24 Bread spread |
| | 7 "It's c-c-cold!" | 26 Appointment tracker |
| | | 45 Hostels |
| | | 46 Crucial time |
| | | 49 " — was saying ..." |
| | | 50 Indian bread |

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!

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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 gap!

Star

MARINE

Chance

MODARN

Fish

SOUPED

Values

SCITHE

TODAY'S WORD

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MAGIC MAZE

MAGIC MAZE ● THINGS WE MELT

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

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

- | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| Butter | Glass | Ice | Snow |
| Candles | Glue sticks | Lead | Solder |
| Chocolate | Gold | Margarine | Wax |
| Copper | Hearts | Silver | |

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JUMBLE

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

YAKKA

BCELA

CENTEM

GGGYRO



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

CryptoQuote

ANYOLBAAR IS LONFELLOW
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.

JILEL NEL JIELL JIPYBR WZH
VNY QZ PY N ANRLANOO
BNKL. WZH VNY GPY, ZE WZH
VNY OZRL, ZE PJ VNY ENPY.
— VNRLW RJLYBLO

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS NOW ON ASTROLOGY PAGE

JULY BINGO



RED, WHITE & BONUS BALLS
250TH BIRTHDAY

EVERY SATURDAY IN JULY

All Properties

11am, 1pm, 3pm
7pm and 9pm Sessions

Bingo on B-4 Receive Additional \$250

PAPER MUST WIN
WEDNESDAYS
3PM & 11PM SESSIONS
GAMES 3,5,9,11,13

DOUBLE PAY
ALL THE WAY

DAILY
9PM SESSION
PLUS, THREE CHANCES AT THE COVERALL

BINGO
BIGGER & BETTER
8 SESSIONS DAILY
MORE CARDS FOR YOUR MONEY
ALL SIDE GAMES INCLUDED
WIN YOUR NEXT PROGRESSIVE TODAY!

GUARANTEED
\$10,000

CASH BALL
THURSDAY, JULY 2
1PM SESSION
STAYS UNTIL IT PAYS

MIMOSA MIXER
SATURDAY, JULY 18
11AM SESSION

MINIMUM \$40 BUY IN ALL ELECTRONIC
\$1,900 IN PAYOUTS 9 GAMES PAY \$100
AND 2 COVERALLS FOR \$500 EACH
5 WINNERS WILL ALSO TAKE HOME A
DESIGNER PURSE AND \$100 IN BINGO BUCKS

BRANDIS' \$10,000
BIRTHDAY GAME

FRIDAY, JULY 31
1PM SESSION
MINIMUM BUY-IN \$60
10 GAMES PAY \$300 EACH AND
3 CHANCES ON THE COVERALL
\$4,600 • \$1,200 • \$1,200

GUARANTEED
\$10,000

CASH BALL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1
7PM SESSION
STAY UNTIL IT PAYS

BINGO 2 THE BOAT
DRAWING!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
7PM SESSION
5 WINNERS WILL RECEIVE
A CRUISE FOR TWO!
EARN DRAWING TICKETS NOW-JULY 15

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

\$2,500
BONUS CASH BALL
SATURDAY, JULY 18
7PM SESSION
STAYS UNTIL IT PAYS

COVERALL
MADNESS
JULY 11 & 25
1PM & 9PM SESSIONS
REGULAR PAY + FOUR \$500 COVERALLS

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

ALL PAPER

DOUBLE PAY
ALL THE WAY
WITH THREE \$1,000 COVERALLS
SATURDAYS
1PM & 7PM SESSIONS

PURSE PARTY
SATURDAY, JULY 25
3PM SESSION
LIVE DJ AND UNLIMITED
COMPLIMENTARY COCKTAILS
ALL ELECTRONIC SESSIONS
PACKAGES START AT \$60

BUBBLY
& **BINGO**
SUNDAY, JULY 26
3PM SESSION
THREE \$5,000 COVERALLS
LIVE DJ AND UNLIMITED
MIMOSAS & BLOODY MARYS
\$35 MINIMUM BUY-IN

SAME SESSIONS. BIGGER WINS.

\$1,000
COVERALLS
DAILY
11AM, 3PM & 7PM SESSIONS
FIRST CHANCE \$1,000
1PM & 9PM SESSIONS
GUARANTEED THREE \$1,000 COVERALLS

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

\$7,500 MEGA
SESSION
SATURDAY, JULY 25
7PM SESSION
GAMES PAY \$250-\$1,000
EARN ENTRIES AND FREE PACKS
NOW-JULY 24

BOULDER
STATION.

SANTA FE
STATION.

PALACE
STATION.

SUNSET
STATION
HOTEL & CASINO

CASINO · RESORT · SPA
GREEN
VALLEY RANCH

red rock
CASINO · RESORT · SPA

ACADEMICS
ROCKS! BACK TO
SCHOOL DRIVE

JULY 1-31 · ALL SESSIONS

Bring Any New School Supplies and
Receive Free or Discounted Packs.

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Only New Items Will Be Accepted in
the Bingo Room



Independence
Weekend

\$10,000 BONUS CASH BALL
Friday, July 3
Stays Until It Pays

Santa Fe 11am & 7pm • Palace 1pm & 7pm • Boulder 1pm & 3pm
Red Rock 3pm & 7pm • Green Valley Ranch 3pm & 9pm

\$2,500 BONUS CASH BALL
Sunset 3pm & 7pm

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Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Still Working at 65? How to Handle Medicare

Dear Savvy Senior,

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

—Almost 65

Dear Almost,

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

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

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

If you're still working:

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

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

Small employer:

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

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

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

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

Large employer:

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

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

Check drug coverage:

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

Need help?

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

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



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

By Chad Holloway

Have you ever played poker against a world champion?

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

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

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

It was in that tournament I had the chance to play against the champ, though I didn't manage to knock him out. That's because my time in the tournament came to an unceremonious

hand after losing a big hand that demonstrates no matter how good your draw, you can fall to an inferior hand if you miss.

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

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

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

Even so, I was only a 2-to-1 (64.75% to 34.34%) favorite over Sunshine. That's because he not only had an open-ended straight draw, he had two live cards, meaning if he pair either his ten or eight he'd take the lead.

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

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

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ANIMAL CRACKERS



By Fred Wagner



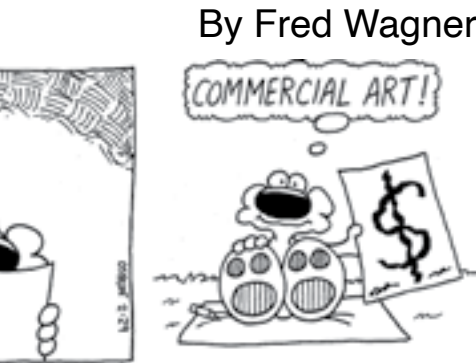
Pre-Pack Problem

Hi Guy,

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

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

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



Hi Virginia,

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

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

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

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

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



Ditch the Store-Bought Mixes: Homemade Alternatives for Healthier, Tastier Meals

If you take a close look at the ingredients in most store-bought ranch mixes and onion soup packets, you'll see the pattern: They're built for shelf-life, not for your health. Fillers, preservatives, flavor enhancers and surprisingly high amounts of sodium do the heavy lifting. Then we mix them with mayonnaise or dairy and eat it for dinner. We can do better than this.

The good news? You don't have to give up those familiar flavors. Making your own blends at home is simple, inexpensive and puts you back in charge of what goes into your food (and your body!).

Ranch seasoning has a way of sneaking into just about everything, from popcorn and mashed potatoes to roasted vegetables, dressings and dips.

This homemade version lets you use ranch seasoning exactly the same way, sprinkled, stirred or whisked. Only now, you're in charge of every ingredient. It's the same versatility, just cleaner, fresher and entirely yours.

Homemade Ranch Dressing Mix

Yield: 14 tablespoons

Total Time: 5 mins.

1/2 cup buttermilk powder
1 tablespoon onion powder
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon dried parsley
1 tablespoon dried dill weed
1 tablespoon dried chives
1 teaspoon sea salt, optional
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon sugar, optional

Whisk all ingredients together until well combined. Transfer to an airtight container and store in a cool, dry place for up to 6 months.

To Use:

* Substitute 3 tablespoons mix for 1 store-bought packet.

* Dressing: Mix 3 tablespoons with 1/2 cup sour cream, 1/2 cup mayonnaise and 3/4-1 cup milk (adjust for desired thickness).

* Dip: Mix 3 tablespoons with 1 cup sour cream.

* Add a squeeze of lemon juice to dips and dressing for extra zing.

If ranch is the life of the party, then onion soup mix is the steady, dependable friend who makes everything better behind the scenes.

Onion soup mix is one of those kitchen staples that shows up everywhere. It's the backbone of classic comfort dishes: pot roast, gravy, slow cooker meals and casseroles. It delivers deep, savory flavor with almost no effort, which is why it's been a pantry staple for decades.

Making your own keeps that same savory depth but lets you dial in the flavor without excess salt or mystery ingredients. Same results, just a little smarter.

BROOM-HILDA

By Russell Myers



Non-Father's Day

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

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

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

own way in to Bingo, but they had bought us many meals.

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

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

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

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

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

Homemade Onion Soup Mix

Yield: 1 cup + 2 tablespoons

Total Time: 5 minutes

3/4 cup onion flakes
1/4 cup powdered beef bouillon or vegetable bouillon
1 tablespoon granulated onion
1 teaspoon celery seed
1 teaspoon granulated garlic
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon salt, optional
1/2 teaspoon sugar, optional

Before You Mix:

Check your beef or vegetable bouillon. If salt or sugar is listed as one of the first ingredients, do not add any additional salt or sugar to this recipe. If not, add as directed.

Combine all ingredients in a jar and store in a cool, dry pantry.

To Use:

* Use 1/4 cup (4 tablespoons) in place of 1 packet of dry onion soup mix.

* This recipe yields about 4 1/2 packets worth.

Notes:

* For soup, use homemade stock or broth instead of bouillon to control sodium.

* For a vegetarian version, use vegetable bouillon.

Skip the packet for better flavor, less sodium, no mystery ingredients. Just simple food made on your terms, always.

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

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

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Wrong Way Preston

I'm directionally dysfunctional. I need someone to hold my hand and whisper, "Turn left, dummy." —Yours Truly

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

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

moved to a different condo in October last year. Each time I sorted through boxes and bins that I had been keeping for who knows why and started donating items to family, friends, and charity. Some I just dropped anonymously on various porches with a note, early Merry Christmas. Nah, just kidding. The good news is I have short term memory loss and don't remember anything I donated, so I don't mourn the loss of that which I don't remember was once mine. Guess this is one of the few perks of being older that dirt.

As an extension of that, I've always had a poor sense of direction, but now it's practically nonexistent. I get on the wrong floor and knock on stranger's doors in hotels; I miss my driveway and circle aimlessly before finding the condo in which I now live; I lose my car in parking lots and have to use my key fob to activate the car horn and locate my vehicle. It's a good thing I haven't lost my sense of humor because Robert says I could get lost in a bucket and couldn't find my behind if I felt with both hands. My friends lovingly call me Wrong Way Preston; a reference to Wrong Way Corrigan who we celebrate on July 17, the date that made him famous. His flight plans called for piloting his plane from New York to California, but instead he ended up crossing the Atlantic and landing in Ireland. He's definitely my hero!

I don't know what caused his misdirection, but I've always thought my inability to orient myself location-wise began as a kid after I threw a big rock up in the air and watched it crash down on top of my head; just one of the dumb ass things I did when I should have known better. Until next month, may lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big, and don't forget that Sunday, July 26, is National Parents Day. Spend some time with them, treat them to dinner, and a fun evening of bingo. It's cheap payback for the time they spent raising you.



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To mark America's 250th anniversary, Plaza Hotel & Casino to hold two days of festivities, including two spectacular fireworks shows

LAS VEGAS (June 22, 2026) – The Plaza Hotel & Casino has a full two-days of festivities planned to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States, on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4.

The holiday celebration will start on Friday, July 3, with the Plaza's iconic Welcome to the Weekend Summer Friday Fireworks show at 9:10 p.m. Inspired by the fireworks shows at Disneyland, the Plaza's free Welcome to the Weekend fireworks have become the spark that starts the weekend in downtown Las Vegas for the last two years. The Welcome to the Weekend fireworks can be viewed from the Plaza's rooftop pool party, which is free and open to all ages, or at Carousel Bar on Main Street (which will be closed during the fireworks to vehicular traffic).



Then on Saturday, July 4, the 250th anniversary festivities continue with:

All-day rooftop pool party with a DJ, drink specials, and light bites from the Plaza's food truck (free admission for all hotel guests all day and night, and starting at 7 p.m. \$10 admission for non-hotel guests, adults 21 and over.)

The Great American Wing Contest – after hosting Wing Bowl in February, the Plaza will hold another messy and fast-paced chicken wing eating competition at the Carousel Bar at 5 p.m. with the first-place eater winning \$1,000.

Happy Dad Beer Pong Tournament – an open competition held on the rooftop pool deck at 7 p.m. with prizes valued up to \$400.

July 4th grand finale fireworks – the Plaza will launch its second fireworks show of the weekend to celebrate America's 250th anniversary at 9 p.m.

Home to downtown Las Vegas' only bingo room, the Plaza Hotel & Casino will hold a special \$250,000 Super Bingo event to mark the country's 250th anniversary with the largest prize purse



ever for the event. For the special July event, registration is \$250 per person with game play on Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5. Registration and more details are available at <https://www.plazahotelcasino.com/bingo/250-years-250000-super-bingo-2/>.

On the casino floor, July 3 will mark the first night of the Plaza's \$5,000 Spark & Spin Slot Tournament that will be held every Friday in July from 8 to 9 p.m. More details at <https://www.plazahotelcasino.com/casino/5000-spark-spin/>.

Finally, the Plaza is offering its All-Inclusive Package all summer long, including for the July 4th holiday weekend. The Plaza's All-Inclusive Package waives all resort fees, but guests still enjoy free access to the fitness center, self-parking, and rooftop pool. The package also includes free early check-in, free bottled water, bottomless drinks from the Omaha Bar and Sports Book Bar on the casino floor, and breakfast and dinner from various dining outlets. Guests also receive 25% off cocktails at the rooftop pool. The Plaza's all-inclusive hotel room package is available for booking at <https://www.plazahotelcasino.com/las-vegas-all-inclusive-room-package/>.

Arizona Charlie's July Bingo Promotions

Bingo Gift Days: Mondays in July: 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, July 13: Cordless chopper
• Monday, July 27: Cordless mixer

250 True Rewards card points are equivalent to \$1 in bingo play.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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by Henry Tamburin

Royal Flush Q&A

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

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

A. Firstly, I never wrote that you could expect one royal flush after playing 40,000 hands (or one cycle). What I wrote was, "On average, you will hit a royal flush once in every 40,000 hands." The word "average" means a whole bunch of sets of 40,000 hands. In other words, in any given set of

40,000 hands, you could hit more than one royal flush or, heaven forbid, possibly no royals. In fact, you have a 36.8% chance that you won't get a royal in one cycle (40,000 hands), and a 13.5% chance after two cycles (80,000 hands). (Ouch!) Therefore, the fact that you went over a year without a royal is statistically possible.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bingo John

Lady of the Lake

(Last month we left Bingo John with a gold daub on his forehead placed by the Holy Bingo Preacher, Orchard Reece, making him an official Bingo disciple.)

I never expected to see what I saw, and I don't know if it was a delusional vision or a real bona-fide gift from the man on high. But being summer and the season of heated visions, it might be anything. It all started after we left the Bingo hall in Dothan, Alabama. After three or four hours we turned down a dirt road that led into a thick forest. The road was rough with potholes and mud pits then all of a sudden it got smooth like a powerful hand caressed the surface. When we stopped the Preacher said, "This is home. This is the place where it all started."

"I thought that cabin in the woods...?" I started to ask, but Reece interrupted.

"I have a home wherever I go. He always provides."

"Who provides," I asked, inquisitively. He raised his hand to silence me.

"Yours is not to question. A disciple's way is to follow."

After the dust settled, he opened the door of the bus and stepped into the humid night air. When I got out, I could see a deserted Bingo hall covered in a wall of kudzu. A neon "PLAY BINGO" sign flickered on and off. In the trees thousands of lightening bugs lit up, on and off, like flickering candles in time with the Bingo sign. We went up to the door, and it creaked open. From the darkness came a low groan. The Preacher did not notice and went in. I hung back for a minute as all hairs rose on my scalp like a scared cat.

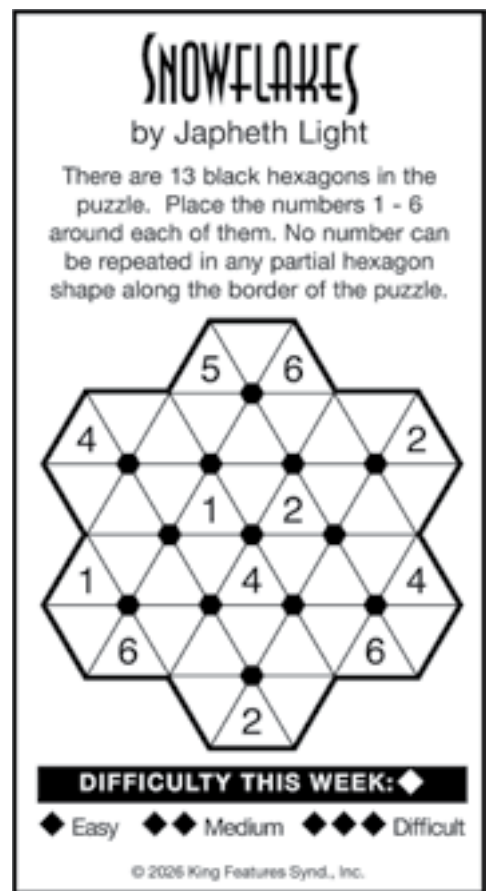
"Come my son," said the Preacher, taking my hand. Once I was in, the door slammed behind us.

We were in a small entrance room, dimly lit by a candle. Then something furry touched my leg. Before I could run, the Preacher grabbed my arm and said, "Look, my son."

It was the main Bingo hall. The snack bar was lit up. Fresh hotdogs and cheese pizza were arranged on trays. On another table were cokes and popcorn.

"Sit down my son. It's time for dinner."

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



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

Even though I knew not to, I was drawn to the lake. As if in a dream I walked out of the Bingo hall down to the shore. The water's surface was slightly ruffled by something under water, so I got down on my hands and knees to take a closer look. It moved like a layer of thickly poured oil, but the light was too dim to make anything out. As I reached down to touch it, a voice of pure sound came from the darkness. It was an operatic soliloquy of intense beauty. My eyes peered through the night.

Then like a spotlight, a moon beam illuminated a woman on the opposite shore. She appeared to be dressed in a white gown made of Bingo cards. As she sang, her body rippled with the effort. I was hypnotized. Her voice was like honey to my ears. It drew me into the water. Even though the water was freezing, I walked toward her. Under the surface I felt something press on my legs. It was warm and reminded of my mother's hand when she touched my face. I kept going deeper into the water. I wanted to be consumed by the

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

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

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

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

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

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

Next month: Bingo John strikes out into the desert.

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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps



Arizona Charlie's Decatur and Boulder Properties Pay Out More Than \$1.9 Million in May Jackpots

LAS VEGAS – June 22, 2026 – Arizona Charlie's Boulder, located at 4575 Boulder Highway, and Arizona Charlie's Decatur, located at 740 S. Decatur Blvd., awarded more than \$1.9 million in jackpots across slots, bingo and video poker in May.

A total of \$1,924,715 in combined winnings was paid out throughout the month, including \$1,464,312 in slot jackpots and \$460,403 in bingo wins across both properties.

At Arizona Charlie's Decatur, a lucky guest won \$26,250 while playing four-card keno on Tuesday, May 5. On Tuesday, May 12, another guest scored a \$16,851 Dragon Link jackpot.

At Arizona Charlie's Boulder, the month's largest win was a \$85,638 Charlie's Double Progressive bingo jackpot won by a local player on Sunday, May 3; followed by a \$20,000 video poker win on Sunday, May 17; and a \$23,181 Rakin' Bacon payout on Monday, May 25.

Arizona Charlie's bingo program continues to earn top honors, being named Best Bingo (Bronze) in the Las Vegas Review-Journal's 2025 "Best of Las Vegas" awards and earning Gold in Bingo in the 2025 FOX5 Viewer's Choice Awards. Named Best Casino Promotions (Gold) in the 2025 "Best of Las Vegas" awards and Best Player's/Loyalty Club (Silver) in the 2025 FOX5 Viewer's Choice Awards, Arizona Charlie's True Rewards program offers player bonuses, including increased point multipliers, prizes such as cash and free slot play, and eligibility in select tournaments and special events. More information is available at TrueRewards.com.

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by Bonnie Mitchell

Making Noise to Improve Odds?

Dear Aunt Bingo,

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

Dear JG,

While I do not believe people purposely make noise to distract opponents and boost

their odds of winning, I do suspect that when people get a little too loud and then begin to notice the dirty looks they are receiving from Bingo players sitting nearby, they may increase the noise level just to prove that they will not be silenced by strangers.

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

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

Dear Aunt Bingo,

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

Dear Lydia,

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

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



Lucky Lotto News

Win Win Situation

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

Man Wins Lottery an 18th Time

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

Boggle BrainBusters Answers:
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ORCHID VIOLET

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14 - 52 - 11 - 22 - 34 *9*

Pizza Break Brings Big Prize

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



I have bad knee arthritis. My doctor is suggesting a genicular nerve block. Is this a good idea? Will it fix the problem? — *P.O.V.*
ANSWER: Chronic knee pain from osteoarthritis is a common problem in middle-aged and older adults. Before a person receives treatment, the diagnosis should be confirmed by an X-ray. First-line treatments are exercise and anti-inflammatory drugs, like naproxen (orally) or diclofenac (topically). When first-line treatments are ineffective, there are other options. Knee injections with steroids have long been used, but recent

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

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The Star Act

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

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

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

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

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

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Lucky Predictions for July 2026

ARIES: March 21 to April 19

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

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20

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

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21

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

CANCER: June 22 to July 22

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

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22

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

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

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

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

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

SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21

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

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

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

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

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

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

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

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20

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

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

PREDICTORS
LUCKY CARD FOR JULY 2026

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

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS JULY 2026

2nd	Made in America Day
4th	Independence Day
6th	National Fried Chicken Day
7th	Last Quarter Moon ☾
7th	Chocolate Day
14th	New Moon
19th	National Daiquiri Day
20th	Space Exploration Day
21st	First Quarter Moon ☽
25th	National Chili Dog Day
26th	Parents' Day
29th	Full Moon



by Frederick Woodruff
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Horoscopes for July 2026

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

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

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

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

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

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

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

JUMBLES: KAYAK CABLE CEMENT GROGGY

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

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

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

BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 25 mins.

SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

MAGICMAZE ANSWERS

THINGS WE MELT

FIRECRACKER SPECIALS

FRIDAY, JULY 3

FOUR \$1,000 COVERALLS
AT ALL SESSIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 5

FIVE \$1,000 COVERALLS
AT 1PM, 3PM & 7PM SESSIONS

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