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South Point's \$50,000 Winner!



South Point's \$100,000 Bingo Game Event was truly unforgettable for Cheryl H. of California, who took home a \$50,000 prize! Surrounded by her husband, Jim, and good friends Lorena Q. and Rose L., Cheryl couldn't stop smiling as she celebrated her remarkable win. Way to go, Cheryl! Come try your luck! The next big winner could be you!

\$75,081 BINGO WIN!



Another lucky day at Arizona Charlie's! Congratulations to Debra S., who walked away with the Double Progressive jackpot. Her excitement lit up the bingo room, proving once again that every game is full of surprises!

\$20,000 POWER BINGO



Kay M. had a spectacular day at Sam's Town, where the wins just kept coming! She scored two \$10,000 Power Bingo games plus a \$1,000 Second Chance prize — bringing her total winnings to an incredible \$21,000!

Casino Q&A

Q: What's wrong with playing more than one slot machine at a time?
A: Plenty. The more slots you play, the faster you go through your bankroll and playing time. The true secret of slot playing is to make your money and playing time last as long as possible. And this means sticking to just one slot and playing s-l-o-w-l-y. Don't hit the spin button the instant the reels stop spinning. Playing a slot machine should be a relaxing experience.
Playing multiple slots also makes you a target for a team of ticket snatchers who look for players playing more than one slot. Here's how they work. One team member distracts the victim in some way—like dropping a bill or payout ticket onto the floor near the victim—then calls the victim's attention to it. When the victim looks down, the thief's accomplice hits the cash-out button of an unattended slot and scoots off with the ticket.

Q: How much should I tip a slot attendant for a hand-paid \$2,000 jackpot?
A: First of all, there's no rule that says you have to tip. Especially if the win doesn't make up for your losses or trip expenses. But if you feel uneasy about not tipping, do what many players do. Tip one-half to one percent of the hand-pay win. So, for your

\$2,000 payoff, a tip of \$10-\$20 would be appropriate. Don't think the more you win the more you have to tip.
Should you also tip the security guard or other casino employee who attends the hand-pay? Some players do. And a tip of \$10 (one-half percent) would be appropriate here. If you choose to tip both persons, don't tip each person separately. Just give the attendant a single bill and tell him/her to split it. And don't tip more than two people. Finally, if you choose not to tip or are not sure what to do, simply thank the attendant and walk away.
Helpful advice. During a hand-pay of \$2,000, it's common to be given nineteen \$100 bills and five \$20 bills—the attendant hoping that you will give him/her one or more of the \$20 bills. To be prepared for this and other tipping situations, carry some singles, fives, and tens in a separate pocket just for tipping.

Q: Does it really help to play slots with a positive attitude?
A: Not really. A positive attitude at a slot machine is nothing but a mental four-leaf clover or rabbit's foot. Today's slot machine is a computer in slot's clothing, and your attitude has no effect whatsoever on the tiny computer chip that determines the game's outcome. The best attitude to have is to be optimistic, hope to win, but be realistic about your chances.



Zucchini Bread

Dear Annie,
I love to bake. I have been asked for zucchini bread. Do you have a recipe that you would be willing to share with someone who loves bake?
Jacqui from Todd, NC

Dear Jacqui,
I have a friend, Marion, who has a friend named Shirley. Shirley makes a wonderful zucchini bread. I asked Marion if it would be alright to share this ideal recipe for zucchini bread. I am absolutely positive you will love it. —Annie

Contemporary jazz “Founding Father” David Benoit to perform at Santa Fe Station

LAS VEGAS – September 22, 2025 – GRAMMY Award-nominated pianist, composer, and arranger David Benoit is returning to Las Vegas for a performance at Chrome Showroom at Santa Fe Station Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$37.50 plus applicable fees and go on sale Friday, September 26, 2025 at 10 a.m.



For four decades, the GRAMMY®-nominated pianist/composer/ arranger David Benoit has reigned supreme as one the founding fathers of contemporary jazz. When he was coming up, Benoit worked with singers Patti Austin, Connie Stevens, Ann-Margaret, and Lainie Kazan as her musical director/conductor. In 1976, Benoit released albums on the AVI label from 1977 to 1984. He later released several chart-topping recordings for GRP, including Freedom at Midnight (1987), Waiting for Spring (1989) and Shadows (1991), which both topped Billboard's Contemporary Jazz Charts at #5, #1, and #2, respectively. His other noteworthy recordings include Letter to Evan (1992), his tribute to another piano influence, Bill Evans, and Here's to You, Charlie Brown: Fifty Great Years (2000). Benoit also recorded with Russ Freeman on their album The Benoit/Freeman Project (1994), and on their follow-up collaboration, 2 (2004), which was released on Peak Records. His other recordings for the label include American Landscape (1997) and Orchestral Stories (2005), which featured his first piano concerto, “The Centaur and the Sphinx,” and a symphonic work, “Kobe”.

Tickets for David Benoit are \$37.50, \$47.50, and \$57.50 plus applicable fees for reserved seating. Doors open at 7 p.m. and guests under 21 must be accompanied by an adult 21 years or older. Tickets go on sale Friday, September 26, 2025 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased at any Station Casinos Reward Center www.stationcasinoslive.com or through Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

Lucky local takes home \$51,507 in High Limit Room at Rampart Casino At The Resort at Summerlin



LAS VEGAS – September 8, 2025 – A lucky local took home more than \$51k in winnings this weekend at Rampart Casino At The Resort At Summerlin.

Stephanie Watkins, a Las Vegas local and Rampart Casino regular, won a \$51,507 jackpot while playing Dragon Link in the High Limit Room at Rampart Casino At The Resort At Summerlin. Watkins took home the jackpot after betting only \$5 on 10 cents denomination.

Watkins celebrated the jackpot and posed for photos with her winning check. Photos courtesy of Rampart Casino.

PT's Taverns Announces Spook-tacular Halloween Parties Throughout the Valley



LAS VEGAS – Sept. 24, 2025 – PT's Taverns, a favorite neighborhood spot, will celebrate the spooky season from Friday, Oct. 17 through Halloween night, Friday, Oct. 31, with a variety of parties at select tavern locations. The ghoulish get-togethers will feature karaoke, DJ sets, costume contests, buffets and prize giveaways.

All parties and locations will be listed on ptstaverns.com. Highlights include the following:

- Friday, Oct. 17: Karaoke and costume contest
PT's Gold at 8416 W Desert Inn Rd
- Saturday, Oct. 18: Costume contest
PT's Gold at 4424 Spring Mountain Rd
- Friday, Oct. 24: DJ set and costume contest
PT's Gold at 8985 Blue Diamond Rd
- Friday, Oct. 24: Halloween costume contest and food buffet
PT's Gold at 1540 W Sunset Rd
- Friday, Oct. 24: Slot tournament
Sierra Gold at 2400 N Buffalo Dr
- Friday, Oct. 24: Trivia and costume contest
PT's Ranch at 8780 Lindell Rd
- Saturday, Oct. 25: Tarot card reader
PT's Gold at 6560 W Warm Springs Rd
- Wednesday, Oct. 29: Costume contest
PT's Gold at 5630 S Hualapai Way
- Thursday, Oct. 30: DJ set
PT's Gold at 10075 S Eastern Ave
- Friday, Oct. 31: DJ set and costume contest
PT's Gold at 7200 W Lake Mead Blvd.
- Friday, Oct. 31: Halloween giveaways and costume contest
Sierra Gold at 9465 S Eastern Ave
- Friday, Oct. 31: Costume contest
SG Bar at 9580 W Flamingo Rd
- Friday, Oct. 31: Karaoke
PT's Pub at 8584 W Lake Mead Blvd
- Saturday, Nov. 1: Karaoke and costume contest
PT's Gold at 812 W Ann Rd

PT's October menu specials will also be available at its locations throughout the valley. Highlights include chili and cheese or chicken and cheese rolled tacos, priced at \$9; a breakfast sandwich with choice of sausage or bacon on a brioche bun served with tater tots, priced at \$10; a breakfast burrito with choice of sausage or bacon served with tater tots, priced at \$10; the game pack of chicken tenders with choice of sauce, priced at \$20 and \$5 off any signature pizza. Drink specials will complement the delicious offerings and include New Amsterdam shots and cocktails, priced at \$5; Pink Whitney shots and cocktails, priced at \$5 and High Noon cans, priced at \$5.

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Diagram: 3x3 grid with arithmetic signs and numbers. Right-hand column: =60, =84, =1. Bottom row: 3, 51, 18.
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Boggle BrainBusters!
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek
Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST EIGHT COLORS in the grid of letters.
Boggle Point Scale: 3 letters = 1 point, 4 letters = 2 points, 5 letters = 3 points, 6 letters = 4 points, 7 letters = 6 points, 8 letters = 10 points, 9+ letters = 15 points
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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.
1. Untangle: L, N
2. Law enforcement: C, T
3. Daddy: F, L
4. Runner's pathway: A, U
5. Baseball hitter: A, U
6. Reprimand: O, A
7. Bank employee: E, A
8. Boa: F, E
9. Anticipate: C, R
10. Bird rest: E, O
Poe's bird nevermore: N
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By: rj johnson
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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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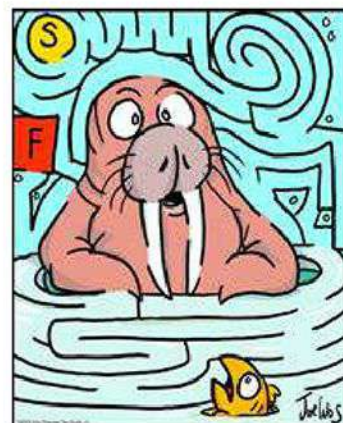
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Best friends, Mandy Y., Mackenzie Y., Kaitlyn C., Kelly M., Kristan N., Taelor D., all showed up to **Virgin River Bingo** to win and celebrate their birthdays!

Sheila T. of Summerlin, Las Vegas had her "Lucky Cow" to thank when she won two times at **Sun Coast Bingo** Monday night, winning \$1,129!

DONNA ERICKSON'S BEST BITES

Make Adorable Fall Haystack Cookies With Kids

We were sitting around the dinner table recently commenting about fall and how much our family loves this time of year. When it came to specifics, we blurted out favorites like football, jumping in raked leaves, crispy apples at the farmer's market, and cooler evenings sleeping under comforters with the window still open. Then a friend who grew up in Indiana chimed in, "Don't forget haystacks!"

If you are a city dweller, you probably don't think of haystacks when images of fall come to mind. But take a leisurely autumn drive into the countryside, and you'll no doubt see haystacks of all shapes and sizes lined up in the farm fields, mile after mile.

Haystacks have been in fields and part of our culture for ages. Young children recite the charming rhyme about *Little Boy Blue* who fell fast asleep under a haystack. French impressionist Claude Monet painted a memorable series of haystacks, and there's also the old expression "it's like finding a needle in a haystack" that comes up in moments of frustration. Now you and your kids can make your own Haystack Cookies in your kitchen in three easy steps to celebrate the harvest season when it comes.

Here are the ingredients for Haystack Cookies:

- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup cornflakes cereal
- 1 cup chow mein noodles
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips

Here's the fun: Let the kids measure and stir together the corn syrup, honey, and peanut butter in a medium saucepan. An adult should then take over and bring the mixture to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla.

Meanwhile, kids can measure and mix the cornflakes, chow mein noodles, and chocolate chips in a large mixing bowl. An adult should pour the melted peanut butter mixture over the dry ingredients. Stir lightly until completely coated.

When it's cool to the touch, let kids drop the mixture by heaping tablespoons onto a foil-covered baking sheet. Form each one into a haystack shape. Cool in refrigerator until firm.

(Makes approximately 24 haystacks, depending on the size you create.)

Note: These cookies freeze well.

"The Grandkids Are Coming!" Tip: Take a walk with your grandchild and look upward for nests tucked in bare tree branches. When you return, prepare this recipe, replacing the cornflakes with more chow mein noodles for a total of 2 cups. Shape the cookies into bird's nests instead of haystacks.

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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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: F equals C

UJFGSRZD VGOZH TWFRJIK
BVWTJ OJOQJDT ZSBZKT IJHC
IW VRI JZFB WIVJD WH IVJ
VJZC: QWU FGSIGDJ.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- * Beef and liver paste, squeezed from a tube, was the first meal eaten in space, consumed by Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin, who chose it because it was space-friendly.
- * Cigarettes were once advertised as a source of relief for asthma and hay fever.
- * A full head of hair can support the weight of two elephants.
- * The original recipe for Oreos, which were originally called Oreo Biscuits (though it's not clear where "Oreo" came from), included pork fat for the cookie's creamy center.
- * Ninety-five percent of books that are submitted to traditional publishers are rejected.

- * Senet, or senet net hab ("game of passing through"), the oldest known board game, dates back more than 5,000 years and has been found in the tombs of Egyptian royalty, including King Tut.
- * Canada's Parliament once argued about the appropriateness of using the word "fat" on the chamber floor.
- * In medieval Europe, animals, especially pigs, were put on trial for crimes, with prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges.
- * Oct. 31, 2000, was the last day all humans were together on Earth. Since that time, there has always been at least one person in space.
- * In early 2019, an 18-karat gold toilet named "America," made by Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan and valued at \$6 million, was stolen from Blenheim Palace in England. The four thieves responsible were captured, but the toilet's ultimate fate remains a mystery, though authorities suspected it may have been melted down.
- * The bite of a mountain gorilla is twice as strong as a lion's.

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\$1,000
October 31, 2025
All Sessions

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Win from \$500 to \$1,000 with
\$500 Second Chance

\$7,000 HAUNTED HALLOWEEN BINGO

Friday, October 31, 2025 (6pm)
16 Games - \$250 each
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DEAR AUNT BINGO

by Bonnie Mitchell

Hit Up for Cash at Bingo

Dear Aunt Bingo,

There is a big problem with a patron who plays Bingo in my hall. She comes to Bingo with no money. She bothers a lot of people to lend her money, including a few Bingo workers. Bingo players are really tired of her asking them to lend her money. She is causing them to go elsewhere to play Bingo, just to avoid her. In my opinion, if she has no money to play Bingo, she should stay home! What do you think?

—Annoyed Bingo Player, Michigan

Dear Annoyed,
To quote former First Lady Nancy Regan, "Just Say No."

The only reason I can imagine why this woman does this over and over again is because it works. If people keep shelling out money, why would she stop asking?

Frankly, I'm a bit surprised that the Bingo workers she's approached haven't taken this up with their boss. If it is as frequent as you make it sound, this is bordering on panhandling, which management should put a stop to.

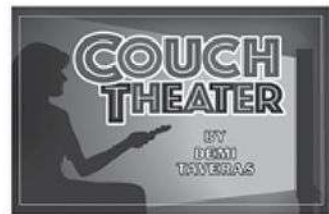
If someone were to repeatedly ask me for money at Bingo, I would bluntly but politely tell him or her that I do not have the extra money to give, and to please stop asking me. If it happened after that, I would complain to someone in charge.

Bingo is a place to go to relax and have fun. If someone repeatedly intrudes on that fun and relaxation, you have every right to tell them to leave you alone, or to complain to those in charge and have them put a stop to it. —Aunt Bingo



BROOM-HILDA

By Russell Myers



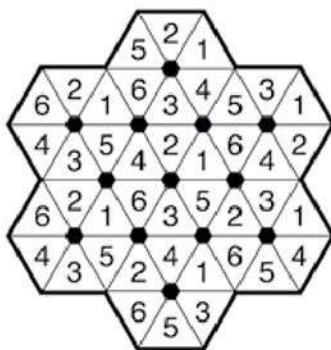
PICKS OF THE MONTH

Jurassic World: Rebirth (PG-13) — "Rebirthing" a series that was literally just respawned a decade ago (into three very similar and forgettable Chris Pratt movies, I might add) is a choice that the *Jurassic Park* franchise has stood by proudly. And to their monetary pleasure, they raked in the dollars with a whopping \$800 million worldwide, making it the fourth highest-grossing film of the year. But to viewers' dismay, lead Scarlett Johansson's performance, as well as the plot itself, left a lot to be desired. Mahershala Ali (*Green Book*) and Jonathan Bailey (*Wicked*) co-star as others on Zora's (Johansson) team who attempt to retrieve samples from three of the biggest dinosaurs alive. Out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

Mission: Impossible — The Final Reckoning (PG-13) — Although Tom Cruise has been wishy-washy with his claims that this is his final film in the *Mission: Impossible* franchise, it seems pretty set in stone that this is Ethan Hunt's last hurrah with the phrase "final reckoning." As the eighth installment in the franchise, this film made about \$600 million at the box office and became the sixth-highest-grossing film of 2025. Starring Cruise, Hayley Atwell (*Captain America: The First Avenger*), Ving Rhames (*Pulp Fiction*), and Angela Bassett (*Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*), it follows Ethan and his Impossible Missions Force team, who try to stop a rogue AI from taking over the world. (Amazon Prime Video)

SNOWFLAKES

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Trick or Treat & Belsnickel

Halloween is right around the corner. You can tell because all the stores are decked out for Christmas. —Ms. Anonymous

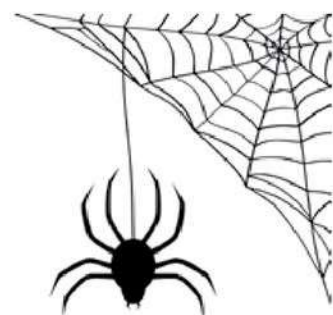
October is the month of Boo! I scared you. In other words, it's when ghosts, goblins, and monsters of various varieties roam our streets and bang on doors begging for candy. Imagine if instead of saying trick-or-treat, kids rang doorbells and shouted, Belsnickel! Belsnickel was an old German-American tradition in which children dressed in costumes and visited neighbors at Christmas, not Halloween. If neighbors couldn't guess who was behind each mask, the penalty was paid with sweet treats. Well, that sounds mighty familiar, don't you think?

And speaking of treats PSLs, Pumpkin Spice Lattes, have arrived as they do every year at this time. They were first named Fall Harvest Lattes, but their creator, Peter Dukes, switched the name to the company code PSL; the initials baristas were writing on customer cups. Since we're not all fans of PSLs, how do you feel about pumpkin seeds, a so-called superfood? One recipe recommends after you're done with your pumpkin, soak its seeds to remove pulp; add spices, then roast the seeds on a cookie sheet on top oven rack for 15/20 minutes at 350 degrees. The American Heart Association claims these

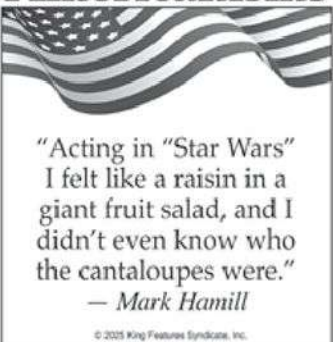
babies contain 5.2 grams fiber/serving as opposed to those from shelled, store-bought ones. A quarter cup of these seeds provides 42% of recommended daily magnesium intake to stay heart and bone healthy, lower blood pressure, and prevent migraines; not bad for a tiny tasty seed.

Personally, I love October not for its PSLs, or certainly not trick or treaters, but for its colorful fall foliage and cooler weather. In my home state, I can travel not far in any direction and see an array of God's leafy handiwork; masterpieces in motion as the colors deepen and the leaves drop gracefully from the trees. In Vermont, this is Leaf-Peeping, a term first seen in print in a Vermont newspaper in 1966. Apparently, the locals were grumbling that out-of-towners were causing traffic jams and had retaliated with signs reading Tourists Go Home on their cars; so much for small town hospitality!

One last thing about this month of October is that its last day is referred to as All Hallow's Eve, an offshoot of the ancient festival of Samhain. This pagan religious celebration honored the summer harvest when people would light bonfires while wearing costumes to ward off ghosts. Truth be told, if you believe in ghosts, you are not alone. One poll revealed that four out of 10 Americans do believe in ghosts, demons, and other supernatural entities. Not to worry though. All you need to do ward off evil spirits is to ring bells loudly on October 31st. Easy-peasy. On the other hand, if you want to summon ghosts, you should visit New Orleans or Salem, Massachusetts. These locations are supposedly haunted to the max. For scary fun, sign up for the ghost tours that are readily available. Robert and I did and thoroughly enjoyed hearing supposedly true ghost stories—while watching out for any apparitions that might be peeping over our shoulders. It didn't happen, just like when I need one number to bingo and it hides in the bottom of the bingo hopper taunting me until the game is over. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. Contact: nlpvzw6172@gmail.com



Americanisms



"Acting in 'Star Wars' I felt like a raisin in a giant fruit salad, and I didn't even know who the cantaloupes were."
— Mark Hamill



* "Every member of our family has a plastic bin in his/her closet to hold items not currently in use. For the littler ones, it's hand-me-downs that are not quite ready for use. For my husband and myself, it is out of season items. And for everyone, there is a bin in the garage where we place usable items that no longer fit. Whenever it's full, we either donate it or start planning our next tag sale." — A.E. in Massachusetts

* "If you have to talk to someone at the cable company, call on a Thursday (unless it's urgent), as that's the day they tend to have the fastest response times, experts say." — J.C. in Florida

* If you have lost a zipper pull, you can create a temporary one with a paperclip.

* You can use a salad spinner to gently "wring out" delicate hand washables. Remove excess water, and then hang dry or lay flat according to the garment's instruction.

* Here's an oldie but a goodie! Iced coffee is at its best when brewed with twice the usual amount of ground coffee, because the coffee is diluted by the (melting) ice cubes. Or use regular-strength brewed ice coffee and serve over coffee ice cubes. They're easy to prepare: Pour cool brewed coffee into ice-cube trays and freeze.

* Clear bins make it easy to group like items in your pantry. You can remove the bin, get what you need and replace it rather than digging through cans and boxes on a shelf and having to straighten it back up when you're done.

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

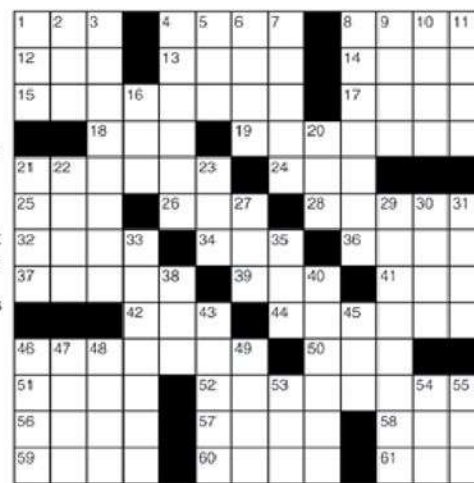
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COFFEE BREAK!

BINGO BUGLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Height of fashion?
- 4 First victim
- 8 Expansive
- 12 Retirement plan acronym
- 13 Sushi bar soup
- 14 Grooving on
- 15 Plaid garment
- 17 Greek vowels
- 18 Small barrel
- 19 Irish overcoats
- 21 Wunderkind
- 24 Thither
- 25 Atmosphere
- 26 — sauce
- 28 Florida city
- 32 Mid-month date
- 34 Chow down
- 36 Painter
- 37 Archaeologist's find
- 39 Cushion
- 41 Opposed
- 42 Plaything
- 44 Malign
- 46 Young child
- 50 Mongrel
- 51 Hodgepodge
- 52 Yankee
- 56 Huff and puff
- 57 "Zounds!"
- 58 Erstwhile



- acorn
- 60 Knitting need
- 61 "Science Guy" Bill

- locale
- 9 Initial stake
- 10 Celebrity
- 11 Pitch
- 16 Barbie's companion
- 20 Drunkard
- 21 Twosome
- 22 Stash
- 23 Curly's brother
- 27 Shril bark
- 29 Coconut cookie
- 30 Senior moment?
- 31 Zits

- 33 Take a chair
- 35 Slight amount
- 38 Army rank (Abbr.)
- 40 Ten-year period
- 43 Sanaa's land
- 45 Bear hair
- 46 Country singer Keith
- 47 — podrida
- 48 A-line designer
- 49 Sitarist's rendition
- 53 Upper limit
- 54 Aye rival
- 55 Mamie's man

DOWN

- 1 That guy
- 2 Mound stat
- 3 Holy fish?
- 4 Pedro's pals
- 5 Recycling receptacle
- 6 Jacob's brother
- 7 Humble
- 8 "Platoon"

MAGIC MAZE

MAGIC MAZE • FATHER —

K J G D C A X V S E P N K I F
C A X V H S Q O L D J H E C A
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W L U T M N G R R H O O D B W
Q O E G A M I B N T L M J M A
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X W R O S S E F N O C N V S N
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: ONLY — WILL TELL.

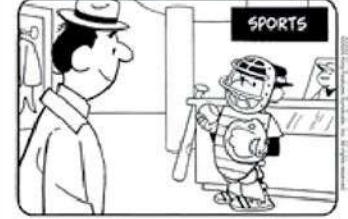
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- Brown
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- Confessor
- Figures
- Hood
- Image
- In-law
- Land
- Less
- Of the Bride
- Of the country
- Symbol
- Winter

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HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

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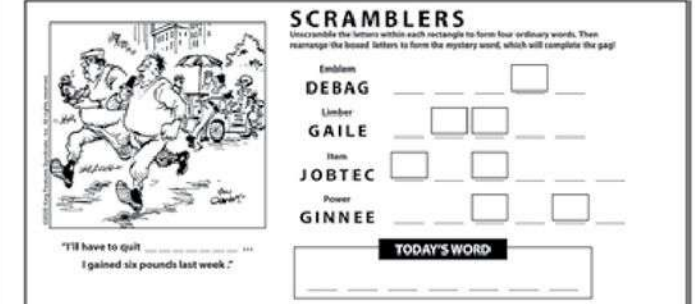
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

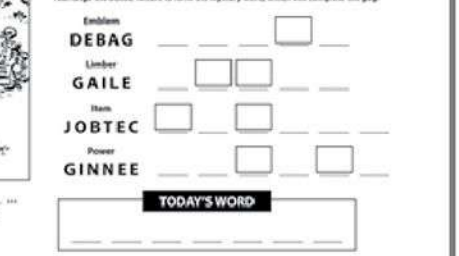
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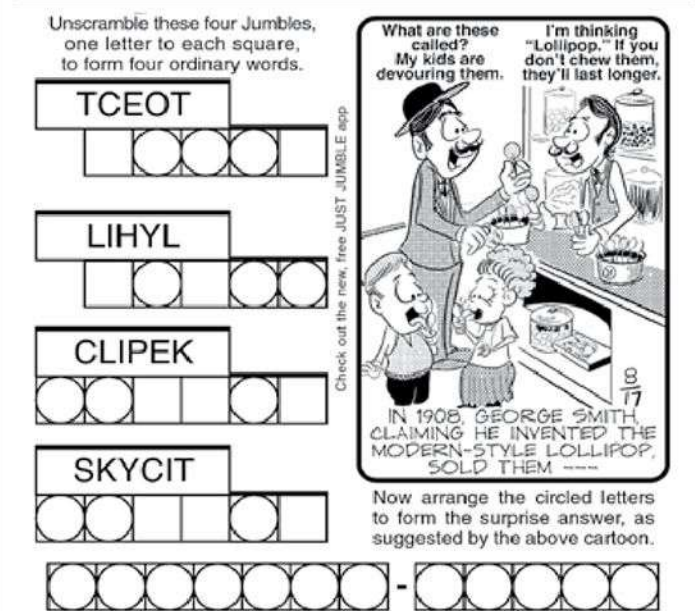
SCRAMBLERS



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 gag!



JUMBLE



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OCTOBER BINGO



NEVADA
DAY
Bonus Cash Ball
OCTOBER 31

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

ROCK SHOT BINGO
HALLOWEEN
OCTOBER 25
 9PM SESSION
 WIN \$100 - \$1,000
 ENJOY A LIVE DJ, DRINKS, DANCING
 AND A COSTUME CONTEST!
 \$35 MINIMUM BUY-IN

BINGO BLOW OUT
FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
 7PM & 9PM SESSIONS
 7PM- TRIPLE PAY ALL THE WAY WITH
 THREE \$1000 COVERALLS
 9PM- DOUBLE/TRIPLE PAY WITH THREE
 CHANCES AT COVERALLS

\$5,000
TEAM BINGO BATTLE
OCTOBER 12 & 26
 5PM SESSION
 12 GAMES PAYING \$250-\$1,000
 PLUS BONUS DRAWINGS!



BINGO WITH THE BOSSES
OCTOBER 4
 3PM SESSION
 \$10,000 CASH BALL AND TRIPLE PAY
 ON GAMES BOSSES CALL

COVERALL MADNESS
FRIDAYS
 7PM SESSIONS
SATURDAYS
 3PM SESSIONS
 FOUR \$1,000 COVERALLS

\$10,000
GUARANTEED CASH BALL
OCTOBER 24
 5PM SESSION



ROCK SHOT BINGO
VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS
OCTOBER 4
HALLOWEEN
OCTOBER 24
 9PM SESSION
 WIN \$100 - \$1,000
 ENJOY A LIVE DJ, DRINKS,
 DANCING AND MORE!
 \$35 MINIMUM BUY-IN

DOUBLE PLAY, DOUBLE PAY
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
 9AM & 11AM SESSIONS
 PLAY THE 9AM SESSION
 & RECEIVE 2X PAY AT THE 11AM SESSION
 \$40 MINIMUM BUY-IN EACH SESSION

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



BONUS BALLS
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
 1PM & 7PM SESSIONS
 BINGO ON B-10
 FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$250
 AND ANY NUMBER ENDING IN 0
 FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$125

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

DOUBLE PAY
ALL THE WAY
OCTOBER 3 & 17
 1PM & 7PM SESSIONS
 GAMES 2-12 PAYS DOUBLE
 2 CHANCES AT COVERALL
 FOR \$500 EACH



TRIPLE PAY
ALL THE WAY
SUNDAYS
 1PM & 7PM SESSIONS
 GAMES 2-12 PAY TRIPLE

DOUBLE PAY
ALL THE WAY
SATURDAYS
 1PM & 7PM SESSIONS
 WIN 2X YOUR PAYOUT!
 + THREE \$1,000 COVERALLS

BUBBLY & BINGO
OCTOBER 26
 3PM SESSION
 WIN \$100 - \$1,000
 LIVE DJ, BOTTOMLESS MIMOSAS
 AND BLOODY MARY'S
 \$35 MINIMUM BUY-IN



COVERALL MADNESS
FRIDAYS
 9PM SESSIONS
SATURDAYS
 3PM SESSIONS
 FOUR \$1,000 COVERALLS

ROCK SHOT BINGO
VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS
OCTOBER 9
FRIGHT NIGHT
OCTOBER 30
 9PM SESSION
 WIN \$100 - \$1,000
 ENJOY A LIVE DJ, DRINKS,
 DANCING AND MORE!
 \$35 MINIMUM BUY-IN

TRIPLE PAY
ALL THE WAY
SATURDAYS
 1PM & 7PM SESSIONS
 GAMES 2-12 PAY TRIPLE



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Margaret L. won \$1,000 at **Green Valley Ranch!**



Bingo friends (L-R) Back Row Ronnie C., Lauren B. Rob D., Cherie T., Geraldine P., Linda C., Rick P., Diane R. joined friends (L-R) Front Row Pamela B., Cindy M. and Anna C. for a fantastic night out of Bingo fun at **Virgin River Casino!**

Gasoline Alley

By Jim Scancarelli



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PAR SCORE 255-265
BEST SCORE 318

FIVE RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

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October Listings Announced at Arizona Charlie's Boulder and Decatur Properties

Bingo Halls

Sessions in the award-winning bingo halls begin every odd hour from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday to Thursday. 9 to 1 a.m. every odd hour on Friday and Saturday.

Bingo Gift Days

Mondays in October: Select Mondays during sessions from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., True Rewards bingo players who pay a minimum \$35 buy-in will receive the gift of the day. One per person, per session, while supplies last.

- Monday, Oct. 6: VGK hoodie
- Monday, Oct. 20: Set of four VGK coasters

Bingo with Chance

- During the 7 p.m. sessions on Thursday, Oct. 23 at Decatur and Thursday, Oct. 30 at Boulder, all True Rewards bingo players who wear VGK apparel will receive five free electronic rainbows. Four \$1,000 overall prizes will be awarded throughout the session.
- All True Rewards bingo players who play at the 5 p.m. session will receive a bounce back electronic rainbow for the 7 p.m. session and have a chance to immediately line up for sales for the 7 p.m. session.
- True Rewards bingo players with a \$25 minimum buy-in will receive one drawing entry for a chance to win Las Vegas memorabilia and other prizes for drawings held throughout the 7 p.m. session.
- True Rewards bingo players with a \$35 minimum buy-in will receive one VGK lawn flag, while supplies last.
- A meet-and-greet with VGK mascot Chance and the Vegas Vivas will be held before the 7 p.m. session.

Halloween 24 Hour Bingo

- Bingo sessions will be held every odd hour starting Friday, Oct. 31 at 11 p.m. through Saturday, Nov. 1 at 7 a.m. All True Rewards bingo players with a \$4 minimum buy-in during the 3 a.m. through 7 a.m. sessions will receive an electronic drawing entry for drawings throughout each session.
- Bingo players that play a session from 11 p.m. through 7 a.m. and come back to play the next session will receive a free electronic rainbow.

VGK Blue 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 blue packs.

Bingo Bonus Wheel Spin

- Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays: After game six in bingo sessions at 1 p.m. 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, 1st chance overall prize increases, extra pay for specific games and bounce back rainbows.

Bingo Half Point Tuesdays

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

Bingo Bounty

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

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, Paltrump 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.



Misinformation

Last month we went over three common nuggets of misinformation dispensed by players, and even dealers, about the game of blackjack (picture cards always follow pictures cards; always figure the dealer has a ten in the hole, and "that third baseman is killing me"). Here are three more. "Always Insure the Good Hands." Most players will insure a 10-10 but never a 5-3. Guess what? Insuring the 20 is a worse play than insuring an 8. Why? Because when

you make the insurance bet you are betting that the dealer has a ten in the hole (for a blackjack). The fact that you are holding two ten-value cards (with your 20) means the chance that the dealer's hole card is a ten is less than if you held a 5-3. Insurance is a bad bet, but it's an even worse bet when you hold a "good hand." "Don't Mess with the Order of the Cards." Many players cringe when a new player enters a game in mid-shoe. Why? Because the order of the cards that will be dealt to players changes and they believe that this works against the players. This of course is nonsense. You don't know what the order of the cards is in the shoe and if a new player changes the order, it could help you as much as hurt you. The order of the cards is not sacred! "Press your Luck." Many players who win two or three hands in a row will start pressing (or increasing) their bets to take advantage of their luck. I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but just because you won the previous two or three hands, this has no bearing on your chances of winning the next hand. The odds of winning any hand at blackjack is roughly 42 percent regardless of how many hands that you just won. So "pressing your luck" might be a fun thing to do, but it isn't going to win you more money in the long run (in fact, by betting more money you expose more of your bankroll to the house edge).



Pork Piccata Made Easy at Home

Piccata, that Italian restaurant classic, is a dish we all know and love. But what exactly is piccata? It's a cooking method where meat (often chicken, fish or pork) is tenderized, sauteed and served with a bright lemon, butter and caper sauce.

While many restaurant dishes seem complicated, this easy pork piccata proves that you can re-create the magic at home. Think tender, thin pork chops, lightly coated in seasoned flour, sauteed in butter and olive oil, and finished with a tangy, buttery sauce accented by lemon and capers.

Capers might be new to some of you. They're pickled flower buds, adding a briny pop to Mediterranean dishes. Look for them in the condiment aisle near pickles or olives, usually priced around \$2.

No fresh lemons? Bottled lemon juice works just fine, especially when lemons are out of season. No white wine? Simply use more chicken broth. And for a lighter version, you can easily substitute chicken breast for the pork.

EASY PORK PICCATA

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 40 minutes

- 4 boneless pork chops (about 1 1/2 pounds, 1 inch thick)
- Zest and juice of 1 large lemon (or 3 tbsp lemon juice, divided)
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- Splash of olive oil
- 2-3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon capers



The Bitter End Birding Society

by Amanda Cox

Hometown hero Ana Leigh Watkins ventures to Bitter End, Tennessee, to help her great-aunt prepare for retirement. A town called Bitter End seems an ironic place for Ana to refresh her weary spirit, but she's desperate for respite from the attention and unwarranted admiration of her community. While on a hike in Roan Mountain, a ragtag group of amateur bird-watchers takes her under their wing — a little against her will. However, she quickly warms to these genuine souls seeking solace in the great outdoors.

But when Ana's adventures in Bitter End lead her to a severed branch of her family tree — one that involves the forbidden love between a moonshiner's daughter and a preacher's son — what began as a getaway to help her great-aunt becomes a transformative journey that binds together two women who, though they live on the same street, have been estranged for sixty years.

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Place each pork chop between two pieces of wax paper or in a large zip-top plastic bag. Use a meat mallet or rolling pin to gently pound the chops to about 1/2 inch thick. This helps to tenderize the meat, allowing it to cook quickly and evenly.

In a shallow bowl, pour 2 tablespoons of lemon juice. In a separate shallow dish (like a pie pan), mix the flour, salt and pepper. Dip each flattened pork chop in the lemon juice, allowing any excess to drip back into the bowl. Then dredge the chop in the seasoned flour, coating both sides. Shake off any excess flour and set the coated chops aside.

Heat 2 tablespoons of butter and a splash of olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until sizzling. This will help the chops get a nice golden-brown crust. Add the pork chops to the skillet, working in batches if necessary to avoid overcrowding the pan. Cook for 3-4 minutes per side, turning once, until the chops are browned and cooked through (an internal temperature of 145 F). Remove the chops from the skillet and keep warm, covering them loosely with foil.

In the same skillet, add the sliced garlic and saute for about 20 seconds until fragrant — be careful not to let it burn! Add the white wine and stir to scrape up any flavorful browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Let the wine cook down for about 3 minutes, reducing by half.

Add the chicken broth, capers and the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter to the skillet. Stir until the butter is fully melted and the sauce is smooth. Taste and adjust the seasoning with a pinch of salt or a squeeze of lemon juice if needed.

Return the pork chops to the skillet and spoon the sauce over the chops, turning them to coat. Let everything simmer together for an extra minute, then serve with the sauce drizzled over the top.

Serve with buttered thin spaghetti and asparagus. If asparagus is out of season, substitute steamed broccoli or sauteed spinach.

Homemade piccata makes any day feel special. Enjoy!

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime — Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [divapatti@divasonadime.com](https://www.facebook.com/divapatti).

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WORD SPIRAL



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.
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"How could you, Mom? There are China-made toys in my room!"

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Bingo at Rampart Casino October 2025

Bingo Jam – Saturday, October 4th – 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

Dual Action Guarantee – Saturday, October 11th – \$5,000 at 5pm and 11pm

Columbus Day Monday, October 13th – 3 x \$1000 at all sessions / Bonus Ball B-13 for \$1000 anything ending in 3 for \$250

Spooky Jam – Friday, October 31st – \$20,000 in overall payouts: 3X \$1000 at 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm \$1000 at 7pm and 9pm / Boo Ball N-31 for \$500 at all sessions / Wear a costume and get up to 31 Free Blue Packs (\$50 Buy in, Electronic only and Validation required)

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)

Friday and Saturday at 7pm and 9pm and Sunday at 11am and 1pm 4X \$1000

Double/Triple pay sessions Monday- Saturday at 1pm & Sunday - Thursday at 7pm
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Bonus "R" balls – Three times a week – every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at the 11am, 3pm, & 9pm sessions Bingo on B-10 or any number ending in 0 and receive an \$500 In addition to the regular payout / validation required



New friends, Denise L. Left and Mary R. met at Bingo Wednesday at **The Plaza** and quickly found a friendship in their love for Bingo!



Husband and Wife team, Mary M. and Jule M. love Bingo! They have spent 40 years in Las Vegas and won bingo at **Arizona Charlie's!**

STICKELERS (sic) by Terry Stickels

See if you can match the words on the left with their meanings on the right.

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|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. truncate | a. to kiss |
| 2. osculate | b. related to taste |
| 3. gustatory | c. to shorten |
| 4. vituperate | d. threatening |
| 5. minatory | e. verbally abusive |



Bingo Buddy Hits the Deck

John is one of my favorite Bingo Buddies. He is a giant of a man who is as gentle as a butterfly. "Big people, especially men, have to be careful," he once explained. "Or we could end up using our size to bully or scare smaller people."

Playing Bingo is John's favorite hobby, but he doesn't get to play very often. He is a computer genius whose huge hands rest lightly on the keys. A consultant and troubleshooter, he is often called out at strange hours to fix a complicated computer problem that can't wait. He has even been called out of Bingo games to rescue a customer whose system has crashed.

"My size seems to reassure people who have trouble," says John. "It's as if I can go forth and slay the dragons of cyberspace." John has a laugh that exactly

fits his size. He booms and guffaws. When he has a Bingo, he doesn't just win, he claims victory over all the forces of chance. He shouts and pounds the table and involves everybody in his triumph. He turns to someone else at the table and says, "Sorry you didn't win, fella. I guess it was just my turn." Then his infectious laugh encircles all those around him and it is impossible not to celebrate with him.

I am surprised John isn't married but Kate says she understands completely. "Who could keep up with him? He is so full of energy and besides he's a great cook and housekeeper." Every so often he brings a date to Bingo and she is nearly always a smaller person who seems timid. Most of the time, however, he comes alone and creates a party around himself. He brings homemade cookies for sharing, as his spirit is as generous as his size.

Last week as we played a late-night game, John unexpectedly bounced wildly in his chair and it collapsed under him, spilling him to the floor. All of us around him were terrified at the loud crash and for his bulk being so suddenly thrown down. "Call 911," someone shouted. "Don't move him," came another distressed suggestion. "Get a lawyer," said a player nearby. Kate pushed her way through the other players and knelt by John's side. "He seems to be having some kind of seizure," she said softly to me. "Help me roll him over."

We struggled, determined not to hurt him further while trying to give aid. "Perhaps we should put him face down," I said. "I've heard that helps if someone is having a fit."

"Don't be dumb," replied Kate. "Just help me."

As gently as possible we hefted his bulk until we could see his face. He was shaking with laughter and at first could not speak. Then he sat up, wiped tears from his face and said, "Oh my, that was a flat out, fall on the floor win. I've got a Bingo!"



A Delicious Month for Foodies

Last month was National Fruits & Veggies Month, and we learned about the benefits of various types of produce. I tried a few new recipes and experimented with roasting vegetables which may be my new favorite way of cooking veggies.

While October celebrates National Vegetarian Month, it also observes other appetizing fare. Let's explore:

-National Cookie Month: National Cookie Month is dedicated to appreciating and indulging in various types of cookies, whether homemade or store-bought. You can bake a tray of cookies, or eat a tray of cookies, or share a tray of cookies—all delicious options for celebrating the joys of cookies.

-Eat Country Ham Month: Eat Country Ham Month promotes the enjoyment of country ham, a Southern delicacy known for its salty, cured flavor. This month-long celebration encourages people to indulge in this traditional, slow-cured meat, which

is often associated with Southern cuisine and heritage. Country ham is typically aged and dry-cured, giving it a distinct, rich taste that has made it a beloved part of regional American food culture. Eat Country Ham Month is also a great time for people to explore recipes, try different ham preparations, and support local farmers and producers who continue the art of curing hams through traditional methods.

-National Pizza Month: This month-long tribute to America's favorite food, pizza, is a time for pizza lovers to indulge in their favorite slices, try new toppings and explore different pizzerias. Many restaurants and pizzerias participate by offering special deals, promotions, and events.

-National Popcorn Poppin' Month: National Popcorn Poppin' Month is celebrated annually in October to honor popcorn as a beloved and healthy snack. The month-long celebration encourages people to enjoy popcorn in its many forms, from air-popped to flavored varieties. Popcorn comes in so many forms, from salty, sweet to spicy... and more. You could easily try a different flavor for every day in October.

-National Vegetarian Month: National Vegetarian Month is observed every October and begins on World Vegetarian Day, October 1st, to promote awareness of vegetarian diets and their benefits for health, ethics, and the environment. This month encourages people to try new vegetarian recipes and incorporate more plant-based foods into their diets, whether by going fully vegetarian or simply reducing meat consumption.

-National Seafood Month: National Seafood Month is an annual celebration dedicated to highlighting the health benefits of seafood, exploring new dishes, and promoting the importance of sustainable fishing and seafood sourcing practices to protect marine ecosystems. During October, consumers are encouraged to learn where their seafood comes from, choose sustainable options, and try new seafood recipes.

Don't forget all the Halloween candy! I think October might be the tastiest month of the year.

Enjoy! —Elle



Jackpot Payouts Top \$3 Million at Arizona Charlie's Decatur and Boulder in August

LAS VEGAS – Sept. 16, 2025 – August was a winning month at Arizona Charlie's Boulder, located at 4575 Boulder Hwy., and Arizona Charlie's Decatur, located at 740 S. Decatur Blvd., where players scored a combined \$3,096,589 in jackpots across slots, bingo and video poker. Slot jackpots accounted for the largest share with \$2,672,756 in winnings, while bingo players collected \$423,833 between the two Golden Entertainment casinos.

August proved lucky for several players at Arizona Charlie's Decatur. On Sunday, Aug. 3, Margaret kicked off the month with a massive \$57,730 win on Charlie's Double Progressive. The following week, Michele turned a penny spin on a Lightning Link machine into a \$21,418 jackpot on Thursday, Aug. 14. Rounding out the month, a local guest hit it big playing video poker and walked away with \$40,000 on Tuesday, Aug. 19.

At Arizona Charlie's Boulder, guests found plenty of excitement of their own. On Sunday, Aug. 3, Francisco scored a \$20,000 jackpot on video poker, playing at the \$5 denomination. Then, on Tuesday, Aug. 12, Javion tested his luck on Dragon Link and turned a penny bet into \$14,115, adding to the month's winning streak.

Arizona Charlie's bingo program has earned top honors, including being named Best Bingo (Gold) by Las Vegas Review-Journal's 2024 Best of Las Vegas and earning Gold in Bingo in the 2025 FOX5 Viewer's Choice Awards. Named Best Player's/Loyalty Club (Bronze) by Las Vegas Review-Journal's 2024 Best of Las Vegas, 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 www.TrueRewards.com.

Amber Waves



Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 "Girl with a ___ Earring" (Vermeer masterpiece)
- 6 Pulitzer-winning author Dillard
- 7 Dugout vessel, e.g.
- 8 Sports figures?
- 9 Funny couple?

Down

- 1 "Super" campaign orgs.
- 2 Maternally related
- 3 Former U.N. chief Kofi

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- 4 Hilarious folks
- 5 Directors Spike and Ang

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Bingo John

Down the Ocmulgee River

Here I am, dear reader, with the second part of my Bingo Adventure. Between Sarah Mae being after me and work going south, I felt like life was bearing down on me heavy as a bucket of cement dumped in my drawers.

So, I grabbed my canoe and headed down the Ocmulgee to see where the river might take me. It started off dreamy enough, but like always, life had other plans. As I rounded a bend a big old log came drifting out of nowhere, and I felt the canoe rolling over. As I flipped, I thought it was the end—water pouring over my face, everything going black like the end of a movie. But just before the credits rolled, I felt the canoe tug me under a log. When I popped back up, I gasped a heap of God-given air and hung onto the side of the half-drowned canoe. It floated just enough to keep me from going under.

Once my senses came back, I spotted trees swaying on shore, leaves flickering like Christmas ornaments in the breeze. I hung there for the better part of an hour before hearing the low rumble of a motorboat. Upstream came an old aluminum jon boat with two fishermen grinning wide—until they saw me. The one up front stopped smiling and pointed.

“He’s too cold to talk,” he said, and reached down with hands the size of watermelons to haul me in. The man in back cleared his throat. “Name’s Clem. This here’s Jonathan. We’re gonna take you to Ma.”

We rode downriver until they tied up at an old wooden dock, half its boards were missing, and the rest sagged like a wet dog. In my shivering state, I barely made it up the walkway. The dock led to a little shack covered in fake brick shingles with a flag out front. When the wind caught it, I saw a bingo card with “I Love Bingo” printed across the bottom.

Inside, Ma sat hunched at a flickering computer screen, playing online bingo. Every time the screen changed, she brushed

greasy blond strands of hair out of her eyes. “Sit him next to Pa,” she said without looking away. Pa, red-eyed and half-slouched, watched TV. Every now and then he glanced at me, but when the screen faded out, he pulled out a stainless-steel Colt .45 and aimed it at the set.

“Bang. Bang,” he said. “Damn thing.” Luckily, it wasn’t loaded. “That’s the problem with this country,” Pa muttered.

Clem hacked something, then said, “Alright, Ma. Pa. Time to go.” I was bone-tired, but Jonathan came in with a bundle of dry clothes and tossed it into my arms.

“You’re comin’ with us. Can’t leave no stranger in the house. Last one stole a bunch of stuff. We took care of him,” he said, rubbing his stomach with those watermelon hands.

We headed out to the van, and I started to get uneasy. They were giving me looks like they were sizing me up for something. Every time I turned around, they slowly looked away. At the bingo hall, they grabbed a table in the far corner. Folks kept sneaking glances our way. I figured maybe it was because of the Ozzy Osbourne shirt they’d loaned me—no sleeves, and Ozzy mid-bite on a bat’s head.

When the caller got going, though, I forgot about them. By the last game—a \$1,000 coverall—I was one number away. When “B-10” came out, I jumped up and hollered. I’d won enough to keep my bingo road trip alive.

When I got back from collecting the cash, they were gone. Outside, they were waiting by the van. Ma swept hair from her face and said, “My boys saved you. You’re part of our family now.” She reached for my cheek, but I pulled back. Clem cleared his throat. “Time to make you part of the family. But first— that money.”

“There’s time for that,” Ma said. “Once he’s part of the family, there won’t be any trouble about money.” That’s when I figured out “part of the family” was code for something I didn’t want to find out about. I was close to the back door, but the van was flying down the highway. I’d been in a motorcycle wreck—I knew pavement at fifty wasn’t friendly—but somehow it seemed better than what they had planned. So, when

Clem started hacking again, I yanked the handle and bailed. The road tore me up, but I rolled, scrambled to my feet, and bolted for the woods. They yelled after me, but I kept running until the trees swallowed me whole.

Next month: Bingo John continues his exploration and finds an old boat and an old spirit.



Laurie W. of Colorado was happy she stopped in to South Point for some Bingo fun, winning \$1000!



Husband and Wife Team Rudy R. and Marilyn R. enjoyed a fun night out at Santa Fe Station Bingo and won \$300.

Lucky local wins more than \$30k on Keno Progressive at Rampart Casino At The Resort at Summerlin

LAS VEGAS – September 15, 2025 – It was a winning weekend at Rampart Casino! A lucky local took home \$30,029.50 on Saturday afternoon, while playing five-cent Keno Progressive. The Rampart Casino regular started her day on the very same machine that would later deliver the jackpot, before moving around to try their luck elsewhere. Returning to the original machine paid off in a big way, after hitting the 10-spot on a 20-cent bet.



Photo courtesy of Rampart Casino.



New Bingo Friends (L-R) Javier C., Linda M., Fernando R., and Raymond J. had fun laughing and playing Bingo at Arizona Charlie's!



Shon R. (left) and life long best friend Princess V. (right) both of Florida, celebrated Shon's big win of \$1,199 at The Plaza!



Lets Party! Lucky winner Wyatt W., was joined by his Wife Meilani W. and friends Kristi D., Courtney B., Jenn T. (Front Row) L-R Karie W., Jenn B., Nicole B., and Felisha K. for a fun night out at Virgin River Bingo!



Birthday Girls and Winners! Best friends (L-R) Winner Troymina B., (\$125) Jamie S., Grace P., Shamia L., (Center Birthday Girl) Gwenie P., Rhonda J., Michelle C., and Caretta H. all had a blast winning and celebrating at Santa Fe Station!

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New Vegas Bingo Room

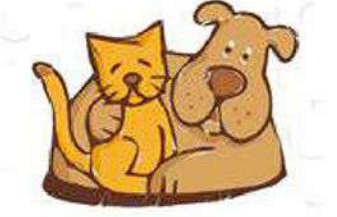
Suncoast Hotel & Casino today recently the unveiled its all-new Bingo Room, introducing a new and improved gaming experience as part of its property-wide transformation. Conveniently located on the west side of the casino floor, the new, state-of-the-art Bingo Room is a bold reimagining of a timeless classic, designed to deliver high-energy entertainment within a modern setting. The venue embodies sophistication and fun in equal measure. As part of Suncoast's ongoing renovation efforts, the new 9,170 square-foot Bingo Room features a modern coastal aesthetic theme along with a massive 17-foot bouncing bingo ball chandelier. The 406-seat room also features a snack bar and a glass-enclosed smoking area with its own ventilation system. The Bingo Room is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. The opening of the Bingo Room is a continuation of work that began in late 2023, when Boyd Gaming launched a complete transformation of the Suncoast beginning with the debuts of an all-new High Limit Room and William B's Steakhouse. Renovations have continued and include a revamped sportsbook and casino floor spaces. Future plans include the remodel of guest favorite Du-Pars, a modernized bowling center, expanded banquet and meeting space, reimagined bar spaces, hotel rooms, casino pit, front desk registration, the addition of a new food hall concept and a complete transformation of the entire casino floor.

Double Progressive Bingo

This past July Glena D., a Legit True Rewards member from Rancho Cucamonga, California, won the Double Progressive Bingo Jackpot at the Edgewater Casino Resort in Laughlin, taking home \$56,826. Her winning card achieved a full coverall within the posted number of balls, triggering a payout that had been building since late May. Double Progressive Bingo is a overall game that starts at 32 numbers and progresses every 14 days until it reaches the 35th number, where it will remain until the jackpot is won.

The Great Bingo Revival

LAKE TAHOE, Calif.—In 2012, the Reverend Rusty Reams found himself surrounded by strangers singing *Happy Birthday* to him after he won a game of bingo. The connection he felt that night was the catalyst for a nine-year mission to bring that feeling to everyone—and The Great Bingo Revival was born. Reams has transformed bingo from a game to an event, adding costumed dancers, interactive prizes and the sounds of everyone's favorite disco and funk tunes. He continues to spread the message that “bingo saves.” He’s a bingo-vangelist on a mission to uplift and connect party guests with 90 minutes of pure joy and positivity. He hasn’t changed the game itself but has surrounded it with infectious music, the lively steps of the “BinGo-Go Dancers” and his tireless energy for a rhythm, funk and soul explosion that’s attracting an impressive list of corporate and private clients. Reams and his band of bingo players have entertained at events of major corporate clients like Google; engaged revelers at some of the biggest music festivals in the U.S.; and performed at exclusive private parties and country clubs. The show is customized for audiences from 8 to 88 and beyond, suitable for a child’s birthday party or late-night bash.



Nevada Happenings

Blake Shelton Returns

Country superstar Blake Shelton returns to the Colosseum at Caesars Palace early next year. Shelton played eight shows there last February and opened his mammoth Ole Red restaurant and bar at the Grand Bazaar Shops a year before that. The eight shows will take place on January 15, 18, 21, 23, 24, 28, 30, and 31, 2026.

Third Zippy's

Zippy's, the Hawaiian heartthrob restaurant chain, opened its third location in Las Vegas in September. All three remain the only Zippy's outside of Hawaii. The first Vegas venue is near Rainbow Blvd. and the 215 Beltway; the second opened in March on Hualapai Road near Tropicana Avenue. The latest location is in Henderson at 9570 S. Eastern Ave., just north of St. Rose Parkway.

Five High-Priced Las Vegas Steaks

Fox News recently ran a story on “once-in-a-lifetime meals” in Las Vegas, featuring five steak dinners that cost more than \$300 and three of them hitting four figures. The most expensive came in at \$1,500: the Tomahawk Feast at One Steakhouse at Virgin. This is a monster 18-pound frenched bone-in rib eye that serves up to 12 eaters, is carved at the table, and comes with six sides. The Beef Case at Fontainebleau's Papi Steak costs \$1,000 but feeds only two; it's a 3.5-pound tomahawk that's served in a custom diamond-studded suitcase. For \$999.90, you can also get a 48-ounce Japanese purebred Freedom Wagyu tomahawk at Four Sixes Ranch Steakhouse at the Wynn. The Vaca Vieja (Old Cow) at Bazaar Meat by José Andrés is a bone-in steak (of various cuts) from eight- to ten-year-old more flavorful cows grown on certified-organic non-GMO ranches in northern California; they cost \$90 per ounce,

so an eight-ounce runs \$720 (you can order a two-bite sample for \$64). Finally, the Taste of Japan at Resort World's Carversteak offers a selection of Japanese A5 wagyu for \$300 for a four-ounce minimum, plus \$75 per additional ounce, so eight ounces are a mere \$600—a Las Vegas bargain!

Universal Horror VIP Experience

Universal Horror Unleashed opened recently at Area15 with ticket prices starting at \$69; depending on date and time, they rise to \$99 and includes one entry to all four houses. An unlimited-access day pass ranges from \$99 to \$149. But *Universal Parks News Today* reports that another option, the “Haunted High Rollers VIP Experience Package,” is now available “for those who demand more than just a scare.” For a mere \$2,750 to \$2,900, again depending on the time and day, you too can avail yourself of this three-hour “elevated” horror experience for up to six. It includes expedited admission; a personal host who imparts behind-the-scenes information, such as details of each house and inspirations for storylines, characters, and hidden messages; a meet and greet with a Horror Unleashed artist (subject to availability); \$450 food-and-beverage credit with a dedicated server at a “semi-private” table in the restaurants; bottle service; up to six (6) lanyards souvenir beverage containers; and a discount on merch.

Poker Palace Closing

The Poker Palace in North Las Vegas will close on October 1. Jerry's Nugget now stands as the lone casino survivor on Las Vegas Boulevard north of downtown. Bighorn and Ojos Locos round out the North Las Vegas roster.





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The Flying Dutchman
By Chad Holloway

In poker, a cooler is the term used to describe a situation in which a player has a very strong hand, but loses to an even stronger hand held by an opponent. This usually happens in a situation where the strength of both hands would, in most cases, be unbeatable or very strong, and therefore it's almost impossible to fold. Let's look at an example.

The 2025 World Series of Poker (WSOP) at the Horseshoe & Paris Casinos in Las Vegas was comprised of 100 live events. One of them was the popular Event #64: \$1,000 Super Seniors, which required players to be at least 60 years old to play.

That tournament attracted 3,338 entrants and awarded \$2,937,440 in prize money. On Day 2, PokerNews was on-site and captured a big hand involving Marcel Luske, who poker fans might know as "The Flying Dutchman" from his early appearances of the WSOP on ESPN.

It was Level 19 (6,000/12,000/12,000) when Luske, known for humming and singing at the poker table, raised to 23,000 from middle position and fellow poker pro Kenna James called. Serge Didisheim then moved all in for 172,000 from the big blind and Luske jammed over the top for 832,000 total. James thought long and hard about what to do and eventually called off his stack.

Marcel Luske: AcAh
Serge Didisheim: KsKd
Kenna James: QhQd

It was a huge cooler as the trio each held one of the three best hands in poker. According to a poker odds calculator, Luske was a 66.74% favorite to win the hand, though that dropped to just 8.97% when the flop came down QsJsh to give James a come-from-behind full house.

The 5c turn cut Luske's & Didisheim's chances to just 4.76% each, with the former needed an ace and the latter a king.

Well, Lady Luck smiled on Luske as the As spiked on the river to give him aces full of jacks, which beat the queens full of James. Stacks were checked, and Luske barely had James covered with just 30,000 more.

Didisheim finished the tournament in 173rd place for \$2,659, while James took 172nd for the same amount of money. Meanwhile, that hand helped propel Luske to a deep run in the tournament, ultimately finishing in 10th place for \$28,244.

The concept of a cooler is significant in poker as it highlights the element of luck involved in the game. Even with a very strong hand, a player can still lose to a stronger one. It's a reminder that poker is not just about skill but also involves a degree of chance.

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SCRABBLE G R A M S SOLUTION

T ₁	E ₁	M ₃	P ₃	E ₁	S ₁	T ₁	RACK 1 =	61
S ₁	L ₁	E ₁	E ₁	K ₅	E ₁	N ₁	RACK 2 =	72
A ₁	R ₁	T ₁	W ₄	O ₁	R ₁	K ₅	RACK 3 =	64
T ₁	E ₁	D ₂	I ₁	O ₁	U ₁	S ₁	RACK 4 =	62
T ₁	E ₁	N ₁	A ₁	B ₃	L ₁	E ₁	RACK 5 =	59
PAR SCORE 255-265							TOTAL	318

THE
POD
REPORT
By Dana Block

Top in Tech

These five podcasts are consistently the highest rated on the Apple Podcast charts, with each of them offering a convenient way to learn about the latest trends. They provide insights and various perspectives on topics like artificial intelligence, market trends, and the ethical implications of all this new technology:

Acquired — Hosts Ben Gilbert and David Rosenthal launched their podcast *Acquired* 10 years ago as a way for us to "learn the playbooks that built the world's greatest companies — and how you can apply them." Recent episodes include an interview with Jamie Dimon and his incredible turnaround after being fired from Citigroup in 1998 to becoming the chairman and CEO of JPMorgan Chase. Other guests include Los Angeles Clippers owner Steve Ballmer and Epic Systems' Judy Faulkner, who is the "most successful self-made woman in history." (Acquired.fm)

The AI Daily Brief — As noted in the title, this is a daily podcast about all things AI. It sits at a perfect running time of about 20 minutes so that you feel well-informed and your mind doesn't wander. Listeners of the podcast say that this one in particular focuses more on the commercial side of AI. Host Nathaniel Whittemore is adept at asking and finding the answers to interesting questions like: "Does AI secretly slow developers down?" "How scared should we be of AI music?" and "Is OpenAI going to kill your startup?" (Sites.Libsyn.com)

Lex Fridman Podcast — Hosted by an AI researcher from MIT, this podcast features conversations with special guests about a wide range of topics centered around science, technology, history, philosophy, and the nature of intelligence, consciousness, love and power. Guests include someone for everyone: mathematician Terence Tao, Google CEO Sundar Pichai, and World War II historian James Holland, to name a few. (LexFridman.com)

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Stickelers Answer
1-c, 2-a, 3-b, 4-e, 5-d

Boggle BrainBusters
Answers:
RED TAN GRAY
TEAL PINK GREEN
WHITE CREAM

CryptoQuip
answer
Peculiar human society
whose members always tend
to hit each other on the
head: bop culture.

FLASHBOARD NUMBERS

B:	02	04	08	11	14
I:	17	21	23	25	28
N:	31	34	36	39	40
G:	52	53	54	56	57
O:	61	64	66	70	72

SENIOR
NEWS
LINE
by Matilda Charles
Exercise videos on
AARP

Here's one more reason to keep checking back on the AARP website: the big selection of fitness offerings in the healthy living section. There are the articles, of course: complete guide to pickleball, link between sugar and cancer, ways to get an energy boost and others. But it's the workout videos that have caught my eye.

The site (aarp.org) has videos on cardio, walking, balance, stretching, core exercises and more. The knees get a lot of much-needed attention with videos on improving knee mobility and building stronger knees. Strength training has videos on building both the upper and lower body muscles.

What I appreciated in these videos is that many of them can be done while seated or holding a chair for balance, if necessary, and none require expensive equipment. A couple of light hand weights (or even soup cans), maybe a mat for the floor, and that's all you need.

The yoga section is comprehensive, with videos aimed at beginners who are ages 50 and 60 plus a video for those who are already 70.

But I think my favorite area is the 10-minute section for when I just don't have time for a full workout. If you can't make your way around the AARP site to get to the videos, do a search for "10-minute workout" to find a long list of short videos done by experts. Or search for "Denise Austin" and you'll find dozens of exercise videos she's created for seniors.

If you're only going to look at one exercise article, make it *10 Exercises to Do Today for a Healthier, Happier Tomorrow*. These exercises are geared to helping us continue doing the daily things we need to accomplish: Strengthen your grocery-carrying muscles, keep your shoulder muscles limber and strong so you can put away dishes and (a favorite of many) strengthen your grip so you can open jars.

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Word Spiral
Answer
VACANCIES

Even Exchange
answers

1. Ravel, Raven	6. Scold, Scald
2. Police, Polite	7. Teller, Taller
3. Father, Lather	8. Scarf, Scare
4. Track, Truck	9. Expect, Expert
5. Batter, Butler	10. Perch, Porch

Micro Crossword
Answer

P	E	A	R	L
A	N	N	I	E
C	A	N	O	E
S	T	A	T	S
E	N	S		

Paw's
corner
by Sam Mazzotta

DEAR PAWS: As a seasoned traveler with hunting dogs, as well as puppies and family pets, going cross-state and cross-country, I find that you left out a few crucial items in your travel list important for dog safety/health when traveling.

First, an IIHS/NHTSA approved crate(s) for the dog(s) or, at minimum, safety belt harness(es) that will restrain the dog(s) in the event of a crash. Small dogs sitting on laps are not "restrained."

Second, a basic animal first aid kit in case of emergency due to a cut, bite, ingestion of something, etc., before one can get to emergency vet care on a trip.

Third, water. It's always best to bring at least a couple quarts of water from home to have handy for rest areas or pull-offs with no services like running water.

Thank you for considering my input on this topic.— *Betsy M., via email*

DEAR BETSY: Absolutely essential items! Thank you for adding to the list. A separate first aid kit for pets, included in their bag of supplies so that it's easy to find, is important. And using an Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) or National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) approved crate has been shown to reduce or prevent pet injuries in the event of a crash. For dogs in the back seat, rather than a crate, a pet safety belt and harness is a much safer option than a collar and leash, or worse, just letting your pet sit unbelted.

Make these investments for your pet before a trip -- and for everyday travel.

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

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BINGO
Astrology
Forecast
by Alessandra

Lucky Predictions
for October 2025

ARIES: *March 21 to April 19*

1st thru 6th...
Plenty to go 'round 1st-2nd!
7th thru 12th...
Mean GREEN 10th-11th\$
13th thru 18th...
Lucky RED 14th-15th
19th thru 24th...
Get a head start 24th\$!
25th thru 31st...
Don't give up yet 29th\$S

TAURUS: *April 20 to May 20*

1st thru 6th...
BLUE brings \$\$ 4th-5th
7th thru 12th...
Check it out the 9th\$!
13th thru 18th...
Smooth sailin' 16th-17th\$
19th thru 24th...
Longshot pays 23rd\$S
25th thru 31st...
Hard card luck 28th\$!

GEMINI: *May 21 to June 21*

1st thru 6th...
Surprising gains 1st & 6th\$S
7th thru 12th...
Pace yourself the 10th
13th thru 18th...
Made to win 14th-15th\$!
19th thru 24th...
Better returns the 19th\$
25th thru 31st...
Loud & proud 29th\$S

CANCER: *June 22 to July 22*

1st thru 6th...
Born to win 4th-5th!
7th thru 12th...
GREEN = \$\$ 8th-9th!
13th thru 18th...
Take chances 17th-18th\$S
19th thru 24th...
Dam lucky 22nd-23rd\$!
25th thru 31st...
Sit this one out

LEO: *July 23 to Aug. 22*

1st thru 6th...
Best to wait 'til the 6th\$
7th thru 12th...
Mildly promising the 10th
13th thru 18th...
Best of all the 14th\$S
19th thru 24th...
Told you so the 24th\$
25th thru 31st...
Hang in there to win 24th-25th

VIRGO: *Aug. 23 to Sept. 22*

1st thru 6th...
Hit & miss—tread carefully
7th thru 12th...
All comes together the 9th\$S
13th thru 18th...
BLUE clues the 13th\$!
19th thru 24th...
Yours to call 22nd-23rd!
25th thru 31st...
Keep it up the 28th\$

LIBRA: *Sept. 23 to Oct. 23*

1st thru 6th...
Choose wisely & win the 1st\$
7th thru 12th...
Stay the course the 10th\$
13th thru 18th...
Go big on RED 14th\$S
19th thru 24th...
Luck is a lady 19th\$!
25th thru 31st...
So many ways 25th & 30th\$S

SCORPIO: *Oct. 24 to Nov. 21*
1st thru 6th...
BLUE chances enhanced 4th-5th\$S
7th thru 12th...
Possibilities the 12th
13th thru 18th...
Swimmin' in \$\$ 17th-18th!
19th thru 24th...
Take the bait 22nd-23rd\$
25th thru 31st...
Moments of goodness 26th & 31st

SAGITTARIUS: *Nov. 22 to Dec. 21*

1st thru 6th...
On to something 1st & 6th\$
7th thru 12th...
What you do best the 10th!
13th thru 18th...
The winning train 14th\$S
19th thru 24th...
Golden surprise 19th\$!
25th thru 31st...
Got it goin' on 29th-30th!

CAPRICORN: *Dec. 22 to Jan. 19*

1st thru 6th...
Edge is yours 4th-5th\$
7th thru 12th...
Be there & win the 9th\$S
13th thru 18th...
Like a charm 18th\$!
19th thru 24th...
No stopping you 23rd\$!
25th thru 31st...
Relax 'til the 31st

AQUARIUS: *Jan. 20 to Feb. 18*

1st thru 6th...
Bets are ON 1st & 6th\$S
7th thru 12th...
Extra dose of luck the 10th\$
13th thru 18th...
Hang back and watch
19th thru 24th...
Think it, see it 24th-25th\$
25th thru 31st...
Keep hope alive 25th\$!

PISCES: *Feb. 19 to March 20*

1st thru 6th...
The magic begins 4th-5th\$
7th thru 12th...
Otherworldly wins 8th-9th\$S
13th thru 18th...
Distinct advantages 13th\$!
19th thru 24th...
Satisfying returns 23rd\$
25th thru 31st...
Play for keeps 27th-28th

PREDICTORS
LUCKY CARD FOR OCTOBER 2025

8	19	33	51	71
7	21	31	55	67
4	27	★	46	65
5	17	37	48	70
12	20	35	54	74

MOON PHASES
& SPECIAL
EVENTS
OCTOBER
2025

1st	International Coffee Day
5th	World Teacher's Day
7th	Full Moon
8th	National Pierogi Day
13th	Columbus Day
13th	Last Quarter Moon ☾
15th	National Grouch Day
17th	Wear Something Gaudy Day
21st	New Moon ☾
26th	National Pumpkin Day
29th	First Quarter Moon ☾
31st	Halloween

Star Luck
Fortunes
by Frederick Woodruff
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Horoscopes for
October 2025

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): You're holding a tiger by the tail this month. Pause for a spell and consider where you want to apply this surfeit of energy. You'll get optimal mileage when you include your partner or family in the mix. That's sharing the wealth: a win-win for everyone.
Lucky Days: 1 - 10
Lucky Numbers: 19 - 56

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): You might be tempted to shrug your shoulders this month and call for a timeout, but that won't solve an unsolved problem that's captured your attention. Explore unconventional solutions and step beyond your comfort zone. Right around the corner is the solution and a new horizon.
Lucky Days: 8 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 3 - 33

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): Don't distance yourself from your feelings now. Yes, you have a sparkling mentality and clever wit, but sometimes you need the liminal realm to guide you to your next spot on your chessboard, and your emotions can provide that sort of counsel and insight.
Lucky Days: 9 - 11
Lucky Numbers: 2 - 17

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Crabs must periodically shed their shells. This can be a stressful time when you find yourself between worlds. But you can also learn important lessons about vulnerability and trust. Allow the old to fall away now, and plan carefully for your new home.
Lucky Days: 8 - 21
Lucky Numbers: 5 - 43

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): The full Moon on the 6th zaps you with a burst of uplifting energy. Don't waste it. Start strategizing how you want the rest of this year to proceed. You love spontaneity, but now it's time to make step-by-step plans to achieve the goals you've set for yourself. Practicality wins.
Lucky Days: 11 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 32

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Badge 2. Agile 3. Object 4. Engine
Today's Word: JOGGING

JUMBLES: OCTET HILLY PICKLE STICKY

Answer: In 1908, George Smith, claiming he invented the modern-style lollipop, sold them— LICKETY-SPLIT

HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Bat is missing. 2. Tie is missing. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. Column is moved. 5. Ball is different. 6. Face mask is different.

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Comparing yourself to others' success only slows you down from finding your own. —Octavia Spencer

BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS
Solution time: 25 mins.

SUDOKU ANSWERS

MAGICMAZE ANSWERS

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