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\$30,000 JACKPOT!



Ashley G., "The Puppy Lady" from Kansas, had plenty to celebrate after scoring an incredible \$30,000 win during a Tuesday session at **The Plaza**! Joining her for the winning moment were her lucky Mini Golden Doodles, Tiny Tim (left) and Oliver (right). Big wins, lucky pups and one unforgettable Bingo day! Congratulations, Ashley!

\$50,000 SATURDAY WIN!



Now that's a Saturday night to remember! Roshanda L. of Los Angeles scored an incredible \$50,000 Bingo win during the Saturday evening session at **South Point Casino**! Ready to chase a big Bingo payday of your own? Grab your dauber and join the action at South Point Casino Bingo. Your winning session could be next!

SIX-FIGURE BINGO PAYOUTS!



Bingo delivered two six-figure surprises at Golden Entertainment's **Arizona Charlie's** properties. At Arizona Charlie's Boulder, located at 4575 Boulder Hwy., a player hit the \$106,923 Double Progressive jackpot during a bingo session on Monday, Sept. 14. The win follows a \$114,688 Double Progressive jackpot hit at Arizona Charlie's Decatur, located at 740 S. Decatur Blvd., on Friday, Sept. 4. [See full article on page 18]

\$25,000 COVERALL



What a way to kick off Power Bingo at the **Gold Coast**! Paula B. was thrilled to split the Coverall on Day One, taking home an incredible \$25,000! Big prizes are waiting! Grab your cards, get in the game and you could be the next big Power Bingo winner! Congratulations, Paula!

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PoolAndSpa.com Hot Tub Spa Contest 6724
East Bay Blvd.
Navarre, FL 32556

Deadline: Received by 12/31/26.
Open to residents of the **48 contiguous states** 18 or over. Entries also online at poolandspa.com.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Getting Ready for Winter

Before we know it, the weather will turn and winter will be on its way. There are several steps we can take to get ahead and be ready before cold weather arrives.

Take care of draft control. Not only will we be more comfortable without cold air creeping into our homes, but our heating bills will be lower if the furnace isn't working so hard. Windows can have caulking or window stripping applied, or you can buy those insulation film kits. Buy your supplies now before everyone else has the same idea, and schedule someone to help you. Right after Labor Day is a good time to get the windows sealed.

Consider how many times you lost power last year and be ready for that. Bring in a supply of batteries for flashlights. Put them in your lights now so you're ready the minute the power goes out the first time. Have someone help you put new batteries in your smoke detector, if it hasn't been done in a while.

Make your list of three to four days' worth of food for emergencies such as storms when it's just not safe to go out, and start shopping for those items now. Put a jug of ice melt or cat litter on your list if your area is likely to get snow and ice.

Does your furnace need an annual inspection? Does your vehicle need antifreeze and new windshield wipers?

But we can't forget the fun stuff for those cold days! A stack of books for cold afternoons, a few small craft kits, ideas for a story to be written during the annual November novel writing month (nanowrimo2.com), several exercise videos for seniors on YouTube, recipes to try, new songs to learn on the piano or guitar ... the list is only limited by your imagination!

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

BOGGLE POINT SCALE	YOUR BOGGLE RATING
3 letters = 1 point	151+ = Champ
4 letters = 2 points	101-150 = Expert
5 letters = 3 points	61-100 = Pro
6 letters = 4 points	31-60 = Gamer
7 letters = 5 points	21-30 = Rookie
8 letters = 10 points	11-20 = Amateur
9+ letters = 15 points	0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

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

Find **AT LEAST EIGHT BODIES OF WATER** in the grid of letters.



Weather It Better

Having the right outdoor power equipment on hand can help you weather storms better, says the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI).

To get ready for inclement weather, homeowners should assess their property in advance, identify what equipment is needed, and focus on limiting potential storm damage.

Depending on type and size of your landscape, there is equipment for every need including:

— Chainsaws and pole saws that can trim dead or dying limbs and cut shrubs away from windows and doors ahead of damaging storm winds.

— String trimmers and pruners that remove combustible material from around your home.

— A portable generator to power key appliances and charge cell phones or home medical equipment during power outages. Important note: Before an outage, plan where the generator will be set up. NEVER place a generator in a home, garage, carport, or near an open window or door. Use outdoor-rated extension cords long enough to carry power into your home from a safe distance and rated to handle the power drawn.

— Water pumps get water and muck out of basements and homes. Never pump substances that your equipment is not designed to cope with. Pay attention to avoid overheating and follow all safety precautions.

— A utility type vehicle transports people and supplies quickly in an emergency. Remember to keep the vehicle stable, drive slowly, and do not turn mid-slope or while on a hill.

OPEI also advises equipment users to pay attention to energy levels and health. Storm preparation and cleanup can be taxing. Do not operate power equipment when tired or overly fatigued, and always use safety equipment like chaps, gloves, eye protection or hearing protection.

For more tips, go to WeatherItBetter.com.

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THE MIDDLETONS

By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers



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ANIMAL CRACKERS

By Fred Wagner



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. More statuesque	A	Bank worker	E
2. Scorch	G	Meanwhile	C
3. Slab with a fork	C	So, Dakota capital	R
4. Mountainous	I	Actress Hunter	O
5. Feather pen	L	Thick blanket	T
6. At hand	B	Almost	L
7. Give a shout-out	A	Ponder	I
8. Drop the ball	F	Stammer	M
9. Belt cincher	A	Bracelet location	R
10. Away from class	B	Agreement	S

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FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

IND

YEW RAT

♥ **REWID**

♥ **NALE**

TYEPUD

♥ **NWA**

NOUD

♥ **YOLLA**

♥ **RWA**

BERLET

ORPEN

♥ **EWLA**

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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JAM & JUICE MONSTER BASH

OCTOBER 17, 2026

GAMES \$100 - \$1,000
\$35 MINIMUM BUY-IN

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

1ST PLACE \$150
2ND PLACE \$100
3RD PLACE \$50



DOUBLE/TRIPLE PAY
TWO \$500 COVERALLS
October 31 (1pm & 9pm)

HOLIDAY BALL SPECIALS
Columbus Ball (B-12) \$1,000
(All Sessions 10/12)

FREE PLAY DAY
Bingo on any other number ending in "2"
receive \$25 Bingo Free Play Voucher

Cat Day Ball (I-29)
\$1,000
(All Sessions 10/29)



VR BINGO
INFO

Haunted Ball (N-31)
\$1,000
(All Sessions 10/31)

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VIRGIN RIVER

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Friday, October 30, 2026
Sales Open 4:30pm / Session Starts 6pm

\$40 Pre-paid Buy-in Includes
Reserved Seat / One 9-on Pack / Dauber

16 Games - \$250 each
(3) \$1,000 Coveralls



VR BINGO
INFO

\$35,000 TWO-DAY BINGO EVENT

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\$17,500
NOVEMBER 13, 2026

AND

\$17,500
NOVEMBER 14, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 9AM - SESSION STARTS 11:30AM - BOTH DAYS

\$120 PRE-PAID BUY-IN

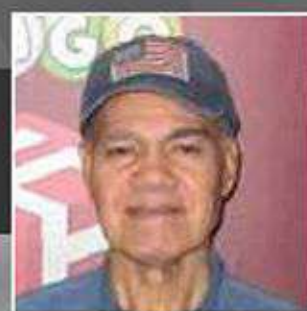
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026 AND
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OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 1

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MONDAYS



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OCTOBER 12



VGK PLUSH
OCTOBER 26

RECEIVE GIFT OF THE DAY WITH \$35 MINIMUM BUY-IN

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USE YOUR TRUE REWARDS® POINTS AT ANY SESSION FOR BINGO PLAY AT DOUBLE THE VALUE

TUESDAYS,
FRIDAYS,
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BINGO BONUS WHEEL SPIN

1PM & 7PM SESSIONS

WHEEL WILL BE SPUN PRIOR TO GAME 8 TO DETERMINE THE BINGO BONUS

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October Promotions

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Saturday, October 17
9:00pm - LIVE KARAOKE DJ!

Every Tuesday & Friday, PLUS...
Saturdays, October 3 & 10
7:00pm - FIVE \$1,000 Coveralls
9:00pm - Triple Pay All The Way

Saturday, October 24
7:00pm - \$5 & \$10 Packs
Games pay \$200 & \$500
4X Coveralls pay \$500 & \$1000



Halloween Chocolate, Daubers,
& DOUBLE BUZZ BALL
Saturday, October 31 - All Sessions
Bingo on any 3 for \$300
Bingo on any 1 for \$100

CRAZY FOR COVERALLS
Friday, October 2

\$6,000 SESSIONS
Saturday, October 10 - 9:00pm
Sunday, October 18 - 3:00pm
Friday, October 30 - 9:00pm

COVERALL SPECIAL
Friday, October 16
2X \$1,000 - 11:00am & 1:00pm
3X \$1,000 - 3:00pm & 5:00pm
4X \$1,000 - 7:00pm & 9:00pm

BINGO NIGHT LIVE
Saturday, October 24 - 9:00pm
Halloween Theme

GOLD COAST
Valley View & Flamingo

\$10,000 BINGO GONE WILD
Saturday, October 3 - 9:00pm
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3X/4X PAY
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5X \$1,000 Coveralls

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EXTRA BUZZ BALL DAYS
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
All Sessions - Win an EXTRA \$500

BINGO GONE WILD
Saturday, October 10 - 9:00pm
\$4,500 in Payouts
Wear a costume to receive 10 FREE cards
with your buy-in! No full face masks.

FIVE & DIME
Saturday, October 24 - 1:00pm & 7:00pm Session
\$5 & \$10 Packs - Games pay \$200 & \$500
With 4X Coveralls \$500 & \$1,000

**\$10,000 HALLOWEEN
BINGO BASH**
Saturday, October 31 - 9:00pm Session
ALL Games Pay \$500 With 4X - \$1,000 Coveralls

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DOUBLE ACTION Thursday - Sunday - Noon
DOUBLE PLAY Fridays - 4:00pm & 6:00pm

BALLS ON THE WALL
Wednesdays - Noon, 2:00pm & 4:00pm
Thursdays & Sundays - 4:00pm & 6:00pm

IT'S GREAT @ 8
Fridays & Saturdays - 8:00pm
Bingo on 8 gets TRIPLE PAY, Bingo on any other
number ending in 8 gets DOUBLE PAY!

2X - \$1,000 COVERALLS
Saturdays, October 3, 10 & 24 - 6:00pm

\$5,000 SUPER SESSION
Saturdays, October 17 & 31 - 6:00pm

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST
Saturday, October 31 - 6:00pm
Prizes for First, Second & Third Place



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Arizona Charlie's October Bingo Promotions

Bingo Gift Days

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

- Monday, Oct. 12: Vegas Golden Knights fleece pullover.
- Monday, Oct. 26: Vegas Golden Knights plush.

Bingo With Chance

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

- During the 7 p.m. sessions on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at Arizona Charlie's Decatur and on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at Arizona Charlie's Boulder, True Reward bingo players who wear Vegas Golden Knights apparel will receive five free electronic rainbows. Four \$1,000 coverall 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 will have a chance to immediately line-up for sales for that session.
- True Rewards bingo players with a \$25 minimum buy-in will receive one drawing entry for the chance to win Vegas Golden Knights memorabilia and other prizes for drawings held throughout the session.
- True Rewards bingo players with a \$35 minimum buy-in will receive one Vegas Golden Knights Chance hat, while supplies last.
- Guests are invited to a meet-and-greet with Chance and the Vegas Vivas before the 7 p.m. session.

Halloween 24-Hour Bingo

- From 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31 through 7 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1, all True Rewards bingo players with a \$4 minimum buy-in during the 3 to 7 a.m. sessions will receive an electronic drawing entry for drawings throughout each session.
- True Rewards bingo players who play a session from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. and come back to play the next session will receive a free electronic rainbow.
- True Rewards bingo players with a \$25 minimum buy-in at the 1 p.m., 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. sessions will receive one cold brew maker, while supplies last.

VGK Bingo Randbow Pack

During all sessions on Vegas Golden Knights game days during the season, all True Rewards bingo players who wear Vegas Golden Knights apparel will receive five free electronic rainbow packs.

Bingo Like It's \$1999

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

Bingo Bonus Wheel Spin

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

Bingo Half Point Tuesdays

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

Bingo Bounty

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

Bingo Bonus x Goes Wild

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

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. More information is available on the Arizona Charlie's website.



Sid S. won \$250 at
Cannery Casino & Hotel



Iris Z. was a happy bingo winner
at Aliante Casino



Caroline J. won \$500 at
Suncoast Hotel & Casino



Emily O. had two back to back
wins at Santa Fe Station Bingo



Jeannette K. a retired Air Force
Veteran enjoyed a lovely day of
Bingo at Gold Coast Casino



Gilda R. won \$500 at
Green Valley Ranch

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Golden Entertainment's Laughlin Casino Resorts Put \$1 Million Cash on the Table This Fall

Million Dollar Deal promotion will award \$360,000 in weekly cash prizes at Aquarius and Edgewater Casino Resorts, building toward a 14-finalist, \$1 million grand finale

LAUGHLIN, Nev. – Sept. 18, 2026 – A million-dollar payday is up for grabs this fall at Golden Entertainment's Aquarius Casino Resort and Edgewater Casino Resort in Laughlin. The properties will launch the Million Dollar Deal promotion on Sunday, Sept. 20, giving True Rewards members multiple chances to win a share of \$360,000 in weekly cash prizes before 14 finalists compete for the \$1 million grand prize on Saturday, Nov. 7.

True Rewards members can earn one virtual drawing ticket for every 50 base points earned during the promotion. Weekly drawings will be held on Saturdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Oct. 31 and Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. at Aquarius and 4 p.m. at Edgewater. Each week, eight winners will be selected at each property to choose an envelope containing a cash prize.

Each property will award \$25,000 in cash each week, with prizes of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,500, \$2,000, two \$1,000 winners and \$500. The winner who selects the \$10,000 envelope will also receive a certificate securing a spot in the Million Dollar Deal grand finale.

After seven weeks of drawings, seven winners from Aquarius and seven from Edgewater will advance to the finale, each with a shot at turning a \$1,000 combination into \$1 million.

The Million Dollar Deal grand finale will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Aquarius. Each of the 14 finalists will receive their own set of 20 numbered envelopes, placed on the promotional board when their number is called. The finalist will then select four different numbers, and the four corresponding envelopes will be opened to reveal the cash amounts inside.

If the four envelopes total exactly \$1,000, the finalist will win the \$1 million grand prize. If the four envelopes total less than \$1,000, the finalist will receive the combined cash amount revealed in the four envelopes as a consolation prize. All 14 finalists will have the opportunity to make their selections. If more than one finalist reaches the \$1,000 total, the grand prize will be split equally among those winners.

"Our guests have come to expect some pretty big surprises from Aquarius and Edgewater, and we're excited to give them another reason to come together and have some fun this fall," said Jeremy Jensen, senior vice president and general manager of Aquarius and Edgewater. "The Million Dollar Deal gives players seven weeks of opportunities to celebrate and build toward an exciting \$1 million finale."

The Million Dollar Deal follows Golden Entertainment's \$300,000 House & \$60,000 Cash Giveaway, another headline-making promotion at Aquarius and Edgewater Casino Resorts this spring. The giveaway culminated in April when one winner selected \$210,000 in cash over a newly constructed home in nearby Bullhead City, Arizona.

Players seeking their next big win are encouraged to sign up for True Rewards, Golden Entertainment's rewards program. Members receive benefits such

as increased point multipliers, prizes including cash and free slot play, and eligibility for select tournaments and special events.

For official rules and complete details visit AquariusCasinoResort.com or Edgewater-Casino.com.

Healthy Living

Think purple

Purple berries contain antioxidants called anthocyanins, which have anti-inflammatory properties that can protect blood vessels.

The darker the berry ...

... The higher its anthocyanin content; here are some to choose

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- Black currant
- Chokeberry
- Elderberry
- Gooseberry



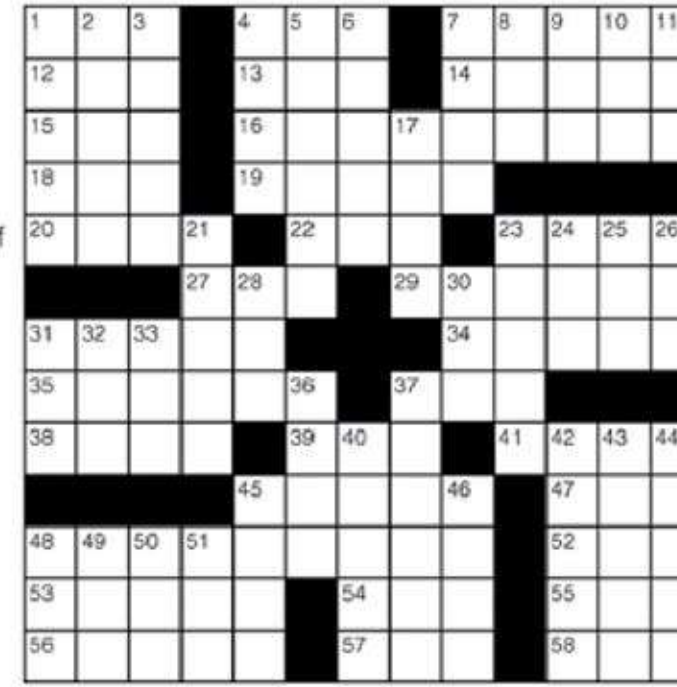
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Unlisted clue hint: News Magazine with Four Letters

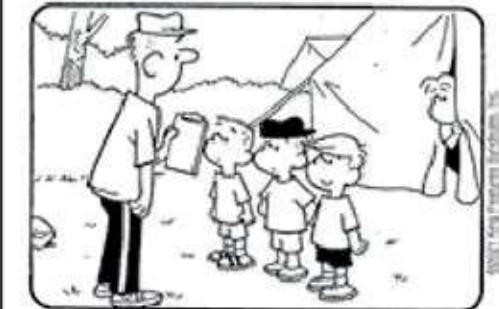
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BREAK!

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
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- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS



"I don't suppose either of you would be interested in a down front."

SCRAMBLERS

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

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

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OCTOBER 30

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GUARANTEED CASH BALL**
OCTOBER 10
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STAYS UNTIL IT PAYS!

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

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SUNSET STATION
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DOUBLE PAY
ALL THE WAY
PLUS \$1,000 COVERALLS
SATURDAYS
1PM & 7PM SESSIONS
*GAMES 2-13 PAY DOUBLE
+THREE \$1,000 COVERALLS*

TRIPLE PAY
ALL THE WAY
SUNDAYS
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**BUBBLY
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OCTOBER 25
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LIVE DJ & UNLIMITED MIMOSAS &
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**\$1,000
COVERALLS**
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11AM, 3PM & 7PM SESSIONS
*FIRST CHANCE \$1000
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GUARANTEED THREE \$1,000 COVERALLS*

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

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7PM SESSION
STAYS UNTIL IT PAYS!

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Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

When Medical Bills Pile Up

Dear Savvy Senior, I'm 63 and recently had a hospital stay that left me with bills I can't afford to pay. I had Affordable Care Act health insurance, but after my premiums went up in January, I had to drop my coverage. Now I'm overwhelmed by medical bills. What can I do? —Struggling Patient

Dear Struggling, You're definitely not alone. Medical debt is very common. About 1 in 12 Americans are dealing with it, and many had insurance when the bills started piling up. The good news is there are ways to reduce what you owe and make it more manageable. Here are some steps that can help. Check your bills: Medical billing errors are more common than you might think, so start by taking a close look at every bill and explanation of benefits you receive. Watch for duplicate charges, services you did not receive or prices that seem off. If something does not look right, call your provider's billing office and ask for an itemized bill. Do not be shy about asking questions. Even small mistakes can add up. Ask about help: Most hospitals, especially nonprofit ones, are required to offer financial assistance programs, often called charity care. Depending on your income, you may qualify to have part or even all of your bill forgiven. Call the hospital billing office and ask specifically about financial assistance. You can also visit DollarFor.org, a nonprofit that helps patients apply for charity care programs at no cost.

Nevada Happenings

Nightclub to Reopen for F1 Race The Wynn's nightclub, XS, shuttered since earlier this year for a \$10 million total remake, will reopen on Nov. 5, a couple of weeks prior to the Las Vegas Grand Prix. The grand-opening celebration will last for four nights and feature Calvin Harris, the Chainsmokers, RUFÜS DU SOL, and Diplo b2b Hugel. Details about the renovation have been closely guarded, but we do know from the press release that the new and improved XS will showcase "refreshed interiors and new technology." It's the club's first major redesign since it opened in 2008, then quickly turned into one of the highest-grossing nightclubs in the country. XS is the fourth club to undergo a complete reimagining in the last year or so, following Marquee at the Cosmopolitan, Drai's After Hours at the newly renamed Venderpump, and most recently the Vinyl Room, which replaced the Foundation Room at Mandalay Bay.

New(ish) State Park in Las Vegas Ice Age Fossils State Park opened several years ago in North Las Vegas, but it seems to have escaped the notice of many, including us! The 315-acre park, is located at 8660 North Decatur Blvd. in North Las Vegas, right next to the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument, at the northern edge of the metro area. A visitor center features indoor fossil exhibits, interactive displays, and a short introductory film; nearly four miles of trails wind through the park. It preserves an area rich in Ice Age fossils, such as Columbian mammoths, dire wolves and giant ground sloths. Open Wed-Sun, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., cost: \$3 per person.

Negotiate costs: If you don't qualify for assistance, you still have options. Many hospitals and doctors are willing to work with patients, especially if you reach out early. Ask if they can lower the bill or offer a discount if you can pay something upfront. You can also request a no interest payment plan to spread the cost out over time. If this feels overwhelming, a medical billing advocate can help. The Alliance of Professional Health Advocates can connect you with professionals who review bills and negotiate on your behalf. Find programs: Since you recently lost coverage, it is also worth checking whether you qualify for Medicaid, especially if your income has dropped. You can apply through Healthcare.gov or your state Medicaid office. Another helpful tool is BenefitsCheckUp.org, from the National Council on Aging, which can point you to programs that help lower health care and prescription costs. Get support: You do not have to handle this on your own. There are several trusted organizations that offer free or low-cost help. The Patient Advocate Foundation provides case management services and can help you find financial assistance. The National Foundation for Credit Counseling offers counseling and guidance on managing debt. You can also visit NeedyMeds.org to locate programs that can help lower the cost of prescriptions and other medical expenses. The most important thing is to act sooner rather than later. Ignoring medical bills can lead to collections and added stress, but many providers are willing to work with you if you reach out. Start by reviewing your bills, then explore assistance programs and payment options. With some persistence, you can often lower what you owe and set up a plan that fits your budget. Medical debt is common, even among people who had insurance, but it is often negotiable, and there are real resources available to help you through it.

Resorts World Jackpot A lucky slot player from Texas hit a \$1.9 million jackpot in the high-limit room at Resorts World this past August on a Dragon Link machine. It was reported that the winner had just started playing the machine around 11:30 p.m. for \$25 a spin, when on a whim he cranked it up to \$250 and hit the Grand Progressive. New Food Options A food court called Quick Bites has opened at Suncoast, featuring Steak 'n Shake, Huey Magoo's Chicken Tenders, and a Starbucks. And a food hall called Stix Asia has been announced for the UnCommons mixed-use development across the street from Durango Casino. Originally from Honolulu's Waikiki Shopping Plaza, it will feature Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, and Portuguese fare and is expected to open this fall. El Cortez's New Steakhouse El Cortez's new New York-style steakhouse will be called Alex Prime and at press time was said to be opening in "early fall." It's named after EC owner Kenny Epstein's daughter, who died in February at the age of 41, and will occupy the space vacated by Siegel's 1941 when it closed in April. The EC's "singular goal is to set a new benchmark for luxury dining in downtown Las Vegas." Leading the Alex team is David Robins, a well-known name in these parts; he helped open five Wolfgang Puck restaurants in the city over the past 30 years. The menu will feature USDA Prime steaks, slow-roasted prime rib, fresh seafood and shellfish, pasta, and "showstopping" desserts. Open daily at 5 p.m. Major Smoke-Free Room Opens The Palms is introducing a 7,300-square-foot non-smoking gaming area that's completely enclosed. Located near the sports book, it features 200 new slots and its own bar, but no table games.



Luck in Poker is a Matter of Perspective

By Chad Holloway I recently had the opportunity to compete in the Major Series of Poker: The Tour, otherwise known as the MSPT, in their Season 16 Iowa Poker State Championship, an \$1,110 buy-in no-limit hold'em poker tournament that attracted 815 entrants and awarded a \$789,494 prize pool. I ended up finishing the tournament in third place for \$69,610, and along the way I experienced my fair share of good and bad luck, albeit much more of the former than the latter. In one hand early on Day 2, which saw me bring in the second-biggest stack among the 91 returning players, it was Level 16 (4,000/8,000/8,000) when Kanat Ozturk opened for 20,000 in middle position and I looked down at the AhAs in the cutoff. There were some short stacks among the players behind me, so I opted to slow play by just calling in the hope one of them would move all in. Even if they didn't, my hand would be well-disguised. Unfortunately, the button and both blinds folded and it was heads-up to a flop of 2c4hAc. Ozturk continued for 15,000 and knowing he wouldn't have raised preflop with

3x5x — which would give him a straight — I knew I had the best hand. I would usually just call, but with two clubs on the flop I didn't want him to draw to a flush cheaply if he had two clubs in the hole. As such, I clicked it back with a min-raise to 30,000. He called, the Kd appeared on the turn, and Ozturk checked. I bet 35,000 and he didn't take too long to call, which made me feel he either had the flush draw or possibly pocket kings, in which case he just turned a set. When the 7h completed the board on the river, I no longer had to worry about a flush, and then when Ozturk led out for 85,000, I was pretty sure he actually had pocket kings. I moved all in and Ozturk snap-called off his remaining 150,000 with the KsKc or so only to discover I had slow played aces. "I thought I was trapping you," he said before exiting the tournament in 70th place. I was lucky to be on the right end of that cooler, which allowed me to make a deep run in the tournament. I was also lucky to go from the short stack at the final table down to the final three players, ladder up tens of thousands of dollars in the process. Unfortunately for me, that is where my luck ran out. In my final hand, the blinds were a hefty 200,000/300,000/300,000 and I moved all in for 4.4 million holding the AcJc in the small blind. Jake Long called from the big with the Ah3h. I was a 3-to-1 favorite, and the 4s7d7h flop seemed safe enough. Unfortunately, me, the 2h turn and Kh river gave Long a runner-runner flush to end my run. I wish I'd won that hand, which would've given me a good shot to win the whole thing, but I wasn't too disappointed. Sure, I got unlucky in that hand, but I got lucky to even get there in the first place. In poker, it's important to keep such things in perspective.

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The Chicken Recipe You'll Use Every Week

One batch of juicy "Every Week Chicken" today means faster, easier dinners all week long. EVERY WEEK CHICKEN 4 pounds boneless skinless chicken breast (about 6 breasts) 2 teaspoons kosher salt 1 teaspoon fresh ground pepper Olive oil or your choice of cooking spray Preheat oven to 375 F degrees. For easy clean up, line a baking sheet with parchment or foil. Brush the chicken with olive oil or give it a quick spray of cooking spray. Mix the salt and pepper in a small bowl and season both sides of the chicken breasts with the mixture, then put them on the prepared baking sheet, uncovered. Place them in oven and bake for 30 minutes. Remove the chicken when it reaches 160F. Carryover heat will bring it to a safe final temperature while it rests. Remove the chicken and rest, covered with foil, for 15 minutes. This cooking time works on chicken breasts of nearly all sizes, 3/4 inch to 1 1/2 inches thick. If your chicken breast is thinner than 3/4 inch thick, reduce cooking time to 25 minutes. To store, place in a storage container with the accumulated pan juices over the chicken for flavor and to keep the chicken moist. Store in the fridge for up to five days. So, what do you do with all that chicken? Well, besides chicken salad, sandwiches and wraps, here are three fabulous ideas: BBQ Chicken French Bread Pizza: Split a loaf of French bread lengthwise and spread with barbecue sauce. Top with shredded mozzarella, cooked shredded chicken and chopped red onion. Bake at 400 degrees until



Hello Annie, Thank you so much for the corn recipes you sent me some time ago. Now I need another recipe—for sweet potato pie using canned yams. Maybe you've printed one before and I missed it? Thanks so much. —Vicki from San Diego

Dear Vicki, Thank you for writing again. This recipe for Sweet Potato Pie is also suitable for canned yams. I hope you enjoy it. —Annie

the bread is crisp and the cheese is melted and bubbly, about 15 minutes. Finish with a drizzle of additional barbecue sauce and a sprinkle of chopped cilantro before slicing and serving. Chicken Avocado Quesadillas: Layer shredded mozzarella, cooked chicken and diced avocado between two flour tortillas. Add a drizzle of your favorite sauce, such as ranch, barbecue or teriyaki, if you'd like. Cook in a skillet over medium heat until both sides are golden brown and the cheese is melted, then slice into wedges and serve. Quick Chicken Alfredo: Make sliced leftover chicken into a fast comfort meal by simmering it with jarred Alfredo sauce, a splash of milk, butter and Italian seasonings. Spoon over cooked egg noodles and finish with chopped parsley. Sometimes the simplest recipes become the ones you reach for again and again. I have a feeling this will be one of them. 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 DivasOnADimeDotCom. Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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BROOM-HILDA



Luck or Hexes?

It's Autumn and the local robins are staggering around my lawn like they just closed down a fun club at 4:00am. — Ms. Know It All Love it, hate it? I love autumn with the smell of burning leaves, warm days, chilly nights, and hot chocolate with Baileys. At the same time, I hate trick or treating, Halloween pranks, and pumpkin spice in everything in the whole freaking world. You can tell, I'm not a pumpkin spice fan so call me an October curmudgeon and I won't be offended. However, there are some interesting Autumn events that are worth sharing. Every year at this time, a drunken bird epidemic occurs. The autumn frosts cause leftover berries and fruit to ferment, turning them into pure alcohol. Flocks of birds, like robins, gorge on this tasty food which then turns them into flying drunks. This leads to inebriated birds flying erratically, walking in circles, and losing their fear of humans. Some even need to be placed in cardboard box drunk tanks by wildlife rescuers until they sober up. I've never witnessed this spectacle but must admit it's probably hilarious to watch as long as the birds aren't harmed. Warning to my human readers, do not try this cheap method of imbibing as we are not birds.



by cindy elavsky

Q: Is Johnny Depp making a comeback anytime soon? I haven't seen him in anything since all the bad publicity he had with his ex-wife. — S.T. A: It's been four years since the defamation trial between Johnny Depp and Amber Heard, but his career has never regained the heights that it achieved in the early 2000s. He portrayed King Louis XV in the French historical film "Jeanne du Barry" back in 2023, and his future has been looking brighter since. He's starring in the action thriller Day Drinker with Oscar winner Penelope Cruz (Vicky Cristina Barcelona), which is set for a March 2027 release. This November, however, he'll play the title character in the holiday film Ebenezer. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer did say at D23: The Ultimate Disney Fan Event that he's in talks with Depp about reprising the role of Captain Jack Sparrow in Pirates of the Caribbean 6. A screenplay is in progress, but this sequel will center on a new female lead played by Margot Robbie and place Depp in more of a supporting role.

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By Russell Myers

Second, along those lines, autumn rainfall triggers massive blooms of wild fungi including the bright red Amanita Muscaria, a toxic mushroom. Caribou, deer, and squirrels actively seek out these mushrooms specifically to consume them. As a result, they are found stumbling through the woods; acting disoriented and running in erratic loops; displaying temporary alternate states of consciousness from their fungal snacks. In other words, they're tripping and not in the stumble bumble manner of an accidental fall. Again, dear readers, we are humans, not animals, and these mushrooms are TOXIC, which means they can cause death. Because our forest friends can do this does not mean humans can. Don't even consider it. That brings us to October bingo where Autumn and Halloween together produce a unique blend of rules for attracting good fortune and avoiding cold streaks. One good luck hint is to use orange and black daubers this month as this appeases the spirits of the bingo hall and will trigger a hot streak. Also, carry a dried autumn leaf in your bingo bag to guarantee a jackpot before winter. However, it must be harvested on the day of the first seasonal frost, so get your butts out there if it's not too late in the month. As for astrology, it says October is a high intensity energy month and numbers ending in 4 and 8 are the luckiest bingo card numbers. On the other hand, to avoid bad luck this month, do not change seats as this disturbs the residual luck left behind by players earlier in the autumn cycle. Avoid cards with the number 13 as its bad juju is doubled in October. And under no circumstances wish another player good luck before the first ball drops. Saying good luck aloud will hex the recipient's cards. But then, heeheehee, that's one way of eliminating competition or of hexing someone you dislike. Would I ever intentionally do that? Don't ask, don't tell. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Email me any pics you have of drunken birds; not of the humankind, please. at nlpzv6172@gmail.com



Bingo Bonus Coverall Jackpot Winner takes home \$51,949 from Sam's Town Hotel and Gambling Hall

An out-of-town guest visiting Las Vegas for a bowling tournament hit the Sam's Town Bingo Bonus Coverall "Must Go" jackpot for a grand total of \$51,949. The winner, who chose to remain anonymous, shared that stopping in to play bingo at Sam's Town is one of his favorite traditions whenever he's in town.



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August Jackpots Top \$4.5 Million at Aquarius and Edgewater Casino Resorts

Guest from New Mexico wins more than \$80,000 on Dollar Storm slot machine

LAUGHLIN, Nev. — Sept. 16, 2026 — Golden Entertainment's Laughlin properties, Aquarius Casino Resort and Edgewater Casino Resort, paid out a combined \$4,524,419 in jackpots throughout August, including a lucky player's \$80,987 win.

LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS



15 - 39 - 14 - 27 - 10 *21*

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



QUESTIONS

1. Which sportscaster retired in June 2026 after 34 years at ESPN and anchoring more than 5,500 episodes of *SportsCenter*?
2. In 2022, Alyssa Nakken became the first woman to coach on the field in a Major League Baseball regular-season game when she coached first base for which team?
3. Which Cleveland Browns running back fumbled on the Denver Broncos' 3-yard line in the 1987 AFC Championship, leading to the Broncos' 38-33 win?
4. Name the player who defeated Italy's Omar Camporese in the third round of the 1991 Australian Open tennis tournament in a match that lasted five hours and 11 minutes.
5. Who succeeded Bryan Murray as head coach of the NHL's Washington Capitals after he was fired in 1990?
6. Which footballer, known for his acrobatic strikes and volatile personality, is the all-time leading scorer for the Swedish men's national team with 62 goals?
7. IndyCar driver Rinus VeeKay hails from which country?

ANSWERS

1. Linda Cohn.
2. The San Francisco Giants.
3. Earnest Byner.
4. Boris Becker.
5. His brother Terry.
6. Zlatan Ibrahimovic.
7. Netherlands.

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Sweetspire

This shrub is found among wetlands and along stream banks. It can tolerate a wide range of soil and light conditions. Growing 4 to 8 feet tall, with graceful arching branches and fragrant bottlebrush-like flower clusters that appear in late spring, it boasts beautiful fall foliage. Its leaf colors range from copper to orange to gold, and last into winter. — Brenda Weaver

Sources: plants.ces.ncsu.edu, mortonarb.org

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Bingo John

Medieval Bingo

(Last month, we left Bingo John in the clutches of Sarah-Mae, but it was something else. She had solid blue eyes and grabbed Bingo John by the ankles then dragged him into her arms. He tried to get away but faint as he fell into her embrace. When he woke up, he tore out of the Bingo hall and out into the desert.)

I knew I had to get out of there. There were hundreds of them staring down at me with their blue eyes. The thing imitating Sarah-Mae was there to. She wanted something more. Something I was not going to give.

Now I am out in the desert. The sand stretched as far as I could see. Clouds of sand followed across the horizon like ghost ships floating on a dry seabed. Even with the pain in my ankles, I started across the barren landscape. I felt lucky to get away. My life was adrift again. Each of the cells in my body drifted, mindless, towards the dark horizon. My head hung low with exhaustion. Then out across the horizon, a row of mountains appeared in the distance. They were blue at first. Then grey and misty as they got closer. I knew there would be water there. And water was something I desperately needed.

By that afternoon, my tongue swelled to the roof of my mouth. I could no longer swallow. And I could taste the copper bitterness of blood from my split lip. This seemed to go on for days, but I made it to the base of the mountains. They rose up in a solid cliff from the sand. I stood stunned when I got closer. The tall crags blotted out the sky as far as I could see. Black ravens hovered around the tops. They swirled like painted crosses in the clear blue sky. My eyes scanned the peaks, when right in front of me, I saw a Bingo hall. It was perched on top of a craggy precipice. I started up the cliff, because I knew I had to get there. When I got closer, I saw that the

birds had red piercing eyes. They all seemed to peer at me as they circled above.

The Bingo hall was an old castle, painted white, with streaming flags all around the top. A neon BINGO sign was over the front door. I figured the whole thing was another trap, like all the other Bingo halls on my journey. But it was either here or back to the desert. So, I was handed a tankard, and the crowd erupted into a rowdy cheer.

As I opened the thick wooden door it seemed like a regular old Bingo hall except everything was medieval. There were knights in armor all around the outside edges. The staff wore lederhosen and served tankards of beer to the rowdy crowd. Everything was big and hand carved. I felt like I walked onto the set of a Robin Hood movie. Once they noticed me, I was handed a tankard, and the crowd erupted into a rowdy cheer.

I was the only one there not dressed in flowing clothes. I went in and took a spot next to an old, wrinkled lady with flowing golden hair. She hunched over her cards and scraped pieces of baked pretzel into her toothless mouth.

She put some cards in front of me then said, "It is so nice of you to join us."

I took a swig of beer when she spoke. Then choked, beer spilling out on the table. "It is all right," she said, stroking my back. I figured it was best to play along. After a few more swigs, I started feeling very relaxed. I stared dreamily at the golden-haired lady when the trumpets started. Everyone got situated around their cards. Then this old man came out on a podium and said, "Let the game begin."

He wore a big flowing white beard. His face was covered with millions of wrinkles like a crumpled road map. Once the game got started, I realized it was not an ordinary Bingo game. Instead of regular Bingo numbers, the caller announced days of the year. They were playing a coverall game,

and the object of the game was to daub out all 365 days of the year.

I kept silent, because I didn't want to draw any attention to myself. But as the game went on, I noticed a strange change coming over the crowd. They were getting younger and younger. Pretty soon, I was sitting next to a bunch of teenagers. They were all giggly and fresh eyed when they looked at me. Then they were little kids, barely able to see over the top of the table. I briefly looked at my cards. I was going to win. By the time the last number was called and I yelled, "Bingo!" the whole room was nothing but little babies squirming about.

They were the most beautiful babies. They glowed from the inside. My heart sang every time my eyes met theirs. It was hypnotic. When I finally pulled my attention away, I realized there were hundreds of them staring at me. I did not feel in danger. But I knew to focus on my cards. I was the winner. I waited for something, anything to break the tension. Suddenly, the caller yelled out, "Happy Summer!"

Next month, Bingo John leaves the babies in the Bingo Castle and treks across the desert.



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Morongo Casino Resort & Spa Named One of Nation's Top Casinos by USA Today

The AAA Four-Diamond casino and resort is ranked among the nation's finest in two prestigious USA Today's Readers' Choice Awards categories

MORONGO CASINO RESORT & SPA – Morongo Casino Resort & Spa has been honored by the USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards, earning the distinction as one of the Best Casinos Outside of Las Vegas and one of the Best Casino Hotels in the country.

The latest honors for the award-winning Morongo reflect the votes of USA Today readers from across the nation, who cast ballots in the popular annual survey celebrating the best in travel, gaming, and hospitality.

The USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards draw nominations from a panel of industry experts before opening to a national public vote, placing Morongo among a select group of properties recognized for consistently delivering exceptional gaming and resort experiences beyond the Las Vegas Strip. Morongo was recognized as #8 Best Casino Outside of Las Vegas and #9 Best Casino Hotel in the country.

"Being recognized twice by USA Today readers is a true reflection of the dedication and passion our entire team brings to our property every single day," said Mike Bean, CEO of Morongo Casino Resort & Spa. "As we look back on 20 years of serving our guests, this recognition reaffirms that our commitment to delivering experiences that exceed our guests' expectations continues to resonate with visitors across the country. We are deeply grateful to everyone who voted and continues to choose Morongo."

Owned and operated by the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Morongo Casino Resort & Spa marked two decades of world-class hospitality in 2024.

Spanning 44 scenic acres at the foot of California's San Geronio and San Jacinto Mountains along the 10 Freeway, the AAA Four-Diamond property features 270,000 square feet of gaming with nearly 4,000 slot machines and more than 70 table games, as well as a high limits slots and high limit table games salons.

Beyond the gaming floor, guests enjoy top-rated restaurants, including the award-winning Cielo Steakhouse, perched atop Morongo's 27-story tower - the tallest building in Riverside County - which has earned the coveted Wine Spectator Restaurant Award of Excellence for more than a decade, including this year. The resort also offers a world-class spa, a stunning pool with private cabanas and a water slide, and the Morongo Grand Ballroom, which hosts a year-round calendar of world-class live entertainment.



Talk about perfect timing! This lucky player was vacationing from Canada when he hit the \$10,100 Cashball at **Palace Station** — on the very first night! Every first Wednesday of the month, Palace Station guarantees a \$10,000 Cashball winner. The Cashball starts at \$10,000 and keeps going until it pays! Don't miss out. You could be next!



Husband-and-wife team Curtis and Sandra F. of Las Vegas had plenty to celebrate after hitting the \$50,000 jackpot to close out Sunday night's exciting \$200,000 Bingo Event at **South Point**!



Prepare 24-Hour Refrigerator Pickles

On a recent afternoon when my son texted me to check in, I nimbly replied with sticky fingers, “I’m preoccupied with taking pics of pints of pickled...” While laughing at the preponderance of P’s, I accidentally pressed send. He immediately wrote back, “Pickled peppers?... Ha!” Hmm, OK, so I may have left the peppers out of this recipe, but keeping with the “Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled...” verse that took us back to his childhood, I simply replied, “Perhaps.”

Word play and food play are interchangeable with kids, no matter their age. Preparing pickled veggies this time of year is the perfect antidote for using and enjoying the abundance of fresh, tender and tasty produce in our gardens and markets. You and your kids can create full jars to stack in the refrigerator in less than an hour for a month of tasty sides.

Even Exchange answers

1. Teller, Teller	6. Nearby, Nearly
2. Singe, Since	7. Thank, Think
3. Pierce, Pierre	8. Fumble, Mumble
4. Hilly, Holly	9. Waist, Wrist
5. Quill, Quilt	10. Absent, Assent

Discover (like my family) that the vegetables will be sweet like bread and butter pickles but pack more flavor than the traditional grocery-store fare. Here’s how to “pickle it” all:

24-HOUR PICKLES Makes 6 pints

For the brine:

- 5 cups distilled white vinegar
- 5 cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 1/4 cup mustard seed
- 1 tablespoon celery seed
- 1 tablespoon black peppercorns
- 6 bay leaves
- Fresh dill (optional)

For the vegetables:

- 3 cucumbers, sliced in discs or quartered lengthwise
- 6 medium carrots, peeled and quartered lengthwise
- 2 big handfuls of green beans
- 1 medium cauliflower, broken into pieces
- 2 onions, halved and sliced

In a saucepan, combine the first six brine ingredients and bring to a boil, stirring until sugar is completely dissolved.

Place the vegetables in a large bowl. An adult should pour the hot brine mixture over the vegetables. Cool. Transfer equally to six clean jars, tucking a bay leaf and dill (if you choose) in each one. Screw lids on tightly and place in the refrigerator.

Refrigerate for 24 hours before serving. Keep refrigerated and use within one month.

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Arizona Charlie's Decatur and Boulder Award More Than \$1.7 Million in August Jackpots

Two local winners drove home new Toyota Camry Hybrids in the "Take Home a Hybrid" promotion

LAS VEGAS – Sept. 21, 2026 – Players at Arizona Charlie's Boulder, located at 4575 Boulder Highway, and Arizona Charlie's Decatur, located at 740 S. Decatur Blvd., celebrated big wins throughout August, with a combined \$1,755,728 awarded across slots, bingo and video poker. Two additional winners took home new Toyota Camry Hybrids through the properties' "Take Home a Hybrid" promotion.

Slot and video poker jackpots accounted for \$1,382,215 of the total, while bingo players collected another \$373,513 across both properties.

At Arizona Charlie's Decatur, a lucky local hit a \$17,847 Dragon Link jackpot on Saturday, Aug. 15; followed by a \$19,592 Lightning Link win on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Arizona Charlie's Boulder also delivered several standout payouts. A Dancing Drums player won \$14,236 on Thursday, Aug. 27; followed by a \$17,250 Phoenix Link payout on Saturday, Aug. 29. Julieta T. took home a \$10,000 Bingo Double Bonus prize on Monday, Aug. 31 to round out the month.

The "Take Home a Hybrid" promotion put two new cars in the hands of local True Rewards members. Members earned one entry for every 250 same-day base points earned throughout the month. Mindi S. won the grand prize at Arizona Charlie's Boulder on Friday, Aug. 28, and Patricia H. claimed hers at Arizona Charlie's Decatur on Saturday, Aug. 29.

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BINGO LAND

NEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

Autumn Bingo Challenge

The West Virginia Department of Tourism recently unveiled its official 2026 fall foliage projection map, introducing weekly updates throughout the season to provide travelers with accurate leaf-peeping information. They also announced their Almost Heaven Swing BINGO Challenge for the autumn season. Inspired by the state's swing photo locations, the "SWINGO" challenge invites travelers to visit nearly 60 swing spots across West Virginia and check in on mobile devices to earn seasonal prizes. To participate, visit wvtourism.com/swings to register for a digital bingo card delivered directly to your smartphone. Autumn colors were projected to spread throughout the region until early November.

Bill of Rights Bingo

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) brought back its popular exhibits and activities to the Minnesota State Fair this year, offering fairgoers a chance to connect with nature through hands-on experiences. DNR staff gave daily talks about the three dozen species of native fish featured in their outdoor pond. People also learned about wildfire prevention at the Wildlife Prevention Building, and a 65-foot Fire Tower. Interactive exhibits featured information about native bird species in Minnesota and their songs. Photo ops included giant butterfly wings, a hiking boot, nature backdrops and Smokey Bear. New this year, families joined Woodsy Owl for Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights Bingo. The Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights is an initiative of Gov. Tim Walz and the Governor's Children's Cabinet to connect all Minnesota kids to the outdoors.

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Florida Gaming Raid

Sixty illegal slot machines were seized from Uptown Bingo in Cape Coral following a raid by the Florida Gaming Control Commission and the Cape Coral Police Department in late July. Florida law prohibits instant bingo on electronic devices that display games of chance, including slot machines. FGCC said the raid serves as a reminder that not all bingo is legal. "Bingo is fun, and the FGCC supports lawful play," said FGCC Commissioner Peter Cuderman. "Unfortunately, some criminals prey on Floridians by using a bingo theme on slot machines and falsely claim these games are legal."

Trio Saves a Bingo Player

When Bruce Bredbenner woke up from the cardiac arrest that nearly killed him, his doctors told him that he owed his life to a decision to play bingo. Instead of eating dinner at home, Bredbenner, 74, and his wife, Bev, 72, stopped in to play bingo at the Good Will Hose Company in Cressona, PA in August. During the second game, Bredbenner's heart stopped. A nurse, a veteran firefighter, and an 18-year-old high school senior with fresh EMT training stepped in within 30 seconds to perform CPR and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) until Schuykill EMS arrived. Bredbenner, a resident of Hamburg who has congestive heart failure, was expected to return home with no cognitive issues. "If we would have gone home that night instead of to bingo, he'd be dead now," Bev said. "That's for sure." From his hospital bed, Bredbenner thanked those who helped him. And Bev also shared how grateful the family is, including the couple's three daughters and four grandchildren.



VP Strategy Cards

When I walk through the aisles of a casino, I'm amazed to find so few players using a strategy card when they play video poker. Why anyone would choose not to have the answers right in front of them when they're risking their hard-earned money is beyond me. I teach video poker, yet you will never see me playing without a strategy card, just in case a hand shows up that I am not 100% sure about how to play correctly. By double-checking my strategy card, I always make the correct decision. So please don't be embarrassed using a strategy card—all smart video poker players use them! There are several good strategy cards for video poker that are marketed by various companies. The ones I particularly like are the strategy cards developed by Bob Dancer and Liam Daily (available at bobdancer.com).

There are many different kinds of video poker machines on a casino floor. They include the classic jacks-or-better, bonus poker games, deuces wild, joker wild and many more. Most video poker machines now have a menu of different games that you can

choose to play. The issue is that the payback for winning hands for a specific game is not always the same from one machine to another in the same casino and also from one casino to another. Smart video poker players know the location of video poker machines that offer what is known as "full pay" games or those games that have the highest overall return in a casino and play them over lower paying games. Video poker strategy cards can help you locate these full pay machines. Here's how.

Let's suppose you want to play jacks-or-better video poker. On the Dancer/Daily Jacks-or-Better strategy card you will find four different common pay tables and the corresponding return percentage. The best or "full pay" pay table returns 99.54% while the least desirable pay table returns only 97.3%. Armed with your strategy card you can walk into any casino and scout around checking the pay tables you see on the video poker machine to the pay tables on the strategy card. This will help you locate the highest paying jacks-or-better machine in the casino. It's easy when you have your strategy card with you.

Once you are ready to play, you need to know how to play your hands. That's where the strategy card comes in real handy. The Dancer cards have four levels of strategy imprinted on them, from beginner to recreational, to basic to advanced. As the strategy level increases the complexity of the playing strategy also increases. I would strongly encourage a beginner to begin with the Level 1 Beginner strategy and once you master and feel comfortable using that strategy proceed to the next level. For most casual players, playing at Level 2 or 3 is quite sufficient. Let's give an example of how the strategy card can help you make the right playing decision. Suppose you were dealt the following hand:

Q (c), Q (d), 9 (d), 5 (d), 2 (d)
Look closely at the hand. You are dealt a pair of queens, but you also have four cards

to a flush (diamonds). The question is which is the better play—hold the pair of queens and draw three new cards or hold the four diamonds, and draw one card hoping to get a paying five card flush?

The strategy card gives you the answer in a second. The card lists the hands with the greatest to lowest expected value (or profitability). You simply find the pair of queens (listed as a HIGH PAIR) and the 4-card flush on the strategy card and the hand highest up in the table of hand rankings is the preferred play. In this example it's more profitable to hold the high pair over the 4-card flush. Within seconds you will be making the right play with the strategy card at your fingertips.

Video poker offers average players an opportunity to play a casino game where it's possible to get very high returns (close to, and sometimes slightly over, 100%). But you have to be able to choose your machine wisely and play accurately. By having a handy pocket strategy card with you at all times when you play it will help you easily achieve both objectives.



Barbara L. won \$1,199 at Plaza Hotel & Casino



Janet H. won \$1,000 Virgin River Casino



FLASHBOARD NUMBERS

B:	01	04	09	12	14
I:	16	18	20	21	23
N:	33	35	37	40	44
G:	47	48	54	56	60
O:	62	65	67	69	71



Lucky Players Hit Six-Figure Charlie's Double Progressive Jackpots at Arizona Charlie's Boulder and Arizona Charlie's Decatur

LAS VEGAS – Sept. 18, 2026 – Bingo delivered two six-figure surprises at Golden Entertainment's Arizona Charlie's properties this month. At Arizona Charlie's Boulder, located at 4575 Boulder Hwy., a player hit the \$106,923 Double Progressive jackpot during a bingo session on Monday, Sept. 14. The win follows a \$114,688 Double Progressive jackpot hit at Arizona Charlie's Decatur, located at 740 S. Decatur Blvd., on Friday, Sept. 4.

Charlie's Double Progressive is designed to keep growing until it is hit, starting at \$20,000 and progressing to 35 numbers or until won. Players can play for \$1 per card, up to 30 cards, and the progressive is available during all bingo sessions unless otherwise noted. When the jackpot is not won, a \$200 consolation is awarded per session.

Following the wins, the jackpots reset to \$20,000 at each property and are already climbing toward the next major payout. The jackpot currently stands at \$24,290 at Arizona Charlie's Boulder and \$32,806 at Arizona Charlie's Decatur, and can be won in 32 numbers or less. Since the beginning of 2026, Charlie's Double Progressive has paid out a combined \$779,737 across the two properties, including \$409,268 at Arizona Charlie's Decatur and \$370,469 at Arizona Charlie's Boulder.

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A Family Affair

Dear Aunt Bingo,

Sometimes I wonder why Bingo isn't more of a family event for more people.

My mom, my brothers and I go together all the time, and now two of my nieces have joined in. We use the time to catch up on personal stuff—and yes, we have been shushed more than once for being too chatty—and it has struck me that there is something about being out and about on neutral ground instead of at home that makes everybody feel they are on equal ground and relaxed about sharing news and joking around like we might not do otherwise.

If I had my way, I think I would play Bingo with my family every week if I could. But we're all pretty busy, so once a month is about the best we can do—except for my mom and me, who play together more often. Anyway, I'm just passing this along as an idea for other Bingo players who may want to try and turn their Bingo playing into a family affair.

—RMC, Washington, via email

Fun Fact

The Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean is over 1,500 miles long and almost 7 miles deep. Mankind has explored further and much more often into outer space than we have ever yet ventured into the Trench's very cold, very dark depths. Mount Everest would fit very comfortably down in it, and still have water above it.

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Dear RMC,

Wow, it's wonderful to hear that you are part of three generations of one family that has found Bingo to be an activity you all enjoy sharing. I don't know how you do it. I've tried fifty ways to get family to go with me to Bingo, but I rarely succeed. It may require that your family members already have a fondness for the game and just need someone like you to say, "OK, let's make this happen!"

Either way, let's hope your letter pushes a few others to make Bingo time family time as well. And if anyone else out there plays bingo family style let us know!

—Aunt Bingo

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

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



TREES of HOPE

Boyd Gaming invites non-profit organizations across Southern Nevada to submit their entry to participate in one of Las Vegas' favorite holiday traditions, **Trees of Hope**. 40 non-profit organizations will be invited to participate at eight Boyd properties across the valley.

This holiday season, Boyd Gaming will award \$73,000 to non-profits throughout the Las Vegas Valley, with a guaranteed minimum cash prize of \$1,000 for all participating organizations.

Charities interested in participating are encouraged to email TreesOfHopeLV@boydgaming.com through October 2.

Applicants must represent a certified 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving the Southern Nevada community. Proof of tax-exempt status, such as a copy of a Form VV-9 or IRS determination letter confirming the non-profit's 501(c)(3) status, as well as a description of the charity, must be provided when submitting an entry.

Submission of an entry does not guarantee participation. Selected organizations will be notified following the application review process.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I've noticed that when I wipe the cap of my glass water bottle, there's a dark gray or black material inside the cap after I've refilled it. Is this mold? Should I stop refilling the water bottle? — *D.D.*

ANSWER: The cap of your glass water bottle is made from aluminum. When you open and close the cap, the aluminum metal is exposed to air, where it reacts with oxygen to form aluminum oxide. This is the black material that you're wiping off the cap. Aluminum oxide is inert and passes through the body, so you don't need to worry about it.

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

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Lucky Lotto News

Lucky Seven

A man in North Carolina won \$1 million after buying a scratch-off ticket featuring his lucky number. Tomas Munoz became the first person to claim the top prize in the Triple Red 777 Jackpot game after buying a \$10 scratch-off ticket because of his personal connection to the number seven, said the North Carolina (NC) Education Lottery in a press release. "Seven is my number," Munoz told the organization. "I was born on the 7th in '77." Munoz said he bought the scratch-off ticket at Candor V Mart on South Main Street in Candor and immediately scratched it in the store. Quickly realizing what he had won, his reaction was indescribable. "I felt emotions all over my body," Munoz said. The game requires players to match any of their numbers to any of the "winning numbers" to win the prize shown for that number. It also offers the opportunity to win double or 10 times the prizes shown, according to the NC Education Lottery. Munoz claimed his prize on July 27, just days after the scratch-off game was released on July 3. The game winner had the choice of receiving his prize as an annuity of \$50,000 over 20 years or a lump sum of \$600,000. Munoz opted to receive the lump sum of \$600,000 and, after required tax withholdings, took home \$396,060, according to the press release. He plans to invest the money and continue his work restoring classic cars.

SGarbage Workers to the Rescue

A team of garbage workers helped a woman recover a lottery ticket after she threw it away, not realizing she'd won a prize worth over \$1 million. After a self-service lottery terminal displayed a message telling the

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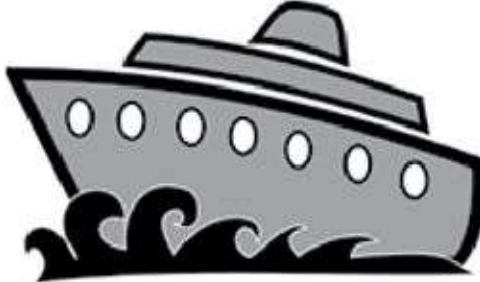
By Terry and Kim Kovel

Q: I am curious about an old children's pedal bike shaped like the Road Runner from *Looney Times*. It has three wheels and is marked "Hedstrom Corp., Bedford PA." What can you tell me about it, and what is it worth?

A: The Hedstrom Corp. was founded in Ashland, Ohio, in 1914 to make balloons. They expanded into plastic toys, making balls by 1923 and riding toys by 1936. Their Bedford, Pennsylvania, plant opened in 1966 and closed in 2004. It made blow-molded toys. Hedstrom is still operating today in Ashland as a division of Ball, Bounce & Sport, Inc., making children's plastic and inflatable toys with licensed characters. There was a Hedstrom bicycle company in Massachusetts that was apparently not related. We have not found a specific date of manufacture for your Road Runner tricycle, but it is very rare and desirable to collectors of *Looney Times* toys. One sold online for \$400 some years ago.

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Boggle BrainBusters Answers:

SEA BAY LAKE
POND COVE GULF
OCEAN INLET



* "I have stained coffee cups. My hands have arthritis, and it's hard to wash them by hand. A young woman at church suggested I purchase a small bottle of dishwasher soap. The kind you put in a dishwasher, even though I don't have one. I squirt a little in the cup and add hot water. It sits while I wash up the other dishes and then swishes right out." — *T.T. in Missouri*

* "Check your area to see if vocational schools offer low-cost or free auto repairs. Sometimes you can have work done for the cost of parts so that students can be trained on your issue." — *R.E. in North Carolina*

* "For the summer I fill a gym-size duffel bag with "spontaneity supplies" and keep it in the trunk of my car. It includes swimsuits for all family members, a blanket and cups, plates and silverware for a picnic. Now, if we find we have some unexpected free time, we can go to the beach or pool, or have a picnic by just picking up some sandwich supplies from the closest grocery store!" — *via e-mail*

* You can use a clean paper milk carton to pour batter for pancakes. The spout makes it easy to pour and reduces splatter.

* "I got tired of always looking for the dustpan, and so I put a magnet on the back of it. It sticks right on the side of the fridge, right next to the broom." — *L.M. in Kentucky*

* Avoid eye strain by making sure your computer monitor is in the correct position. It should be placed directly in front of you, at least an arm's length away. If you have trouble seeing the screen, you can adjust the resolution to make the screen items bigger.

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

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Addictive Series

Ever since the first season of *Serial* gripped audiences with host Sarah Koenig in 2014, podcasts have been trying to recapture this level of popularity. There's always going to be the Joe Rogans and *SmartLess* interview-style shows that top the charts, but these five podcasts are currently in the top spots for the serialized, page-turning style:

World War II with Tom Hanks — If you're a history buff who loved the critically acclaimed HBO miniseries *Band of Brothers*, which was created by Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks back in 2001, this podcast is the next best thing. Told over 20 hours, this podcast examines the "most devastating and defining conflict in human history" with a 21st century perspective. It's considered the "definitive retelling... for a new generation."



Aliante Casino + Hotel + Spa Celebrates \$103,414 Jackpot Win

NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nev. — An anonymous local guest is celebrating a memorable win after hitting a \$103,414 jackpot at Aliante Casino + Hotel + Spa on Saturday, Aug. 29.

The lucky guest was playing around 10:20 p.m. when their \$7.50 bet struck it big on a Railroad Riches Tycoon™ machine from Sega Sammy Creation.

The jackpot win adds to the excitement at Aliante, where guests continue to enjoy thrilling gaming action and opportunities to win big.

To stay up to date with what's new at Boyd Gaming properties nationwide, visit www.boydgaming.com/company/news.



If you have teens or young adults at home who didn't pay attention in history class, this podcast is a wonderful educational tool. (History.com)

The Betrayal of Shohei Ohtani — In this new podcast from ESPN, we catch up with the latest on one of the biggest scandals in baseball. Fortunately, the superstar player whom the scandal centered around was left unscathed. However, the LA Dodgers' double threat (a pitcher who can hit!) Shohei Ohtani was betrayed by his friend and Japanese interpreter Ippai Mizuhara. Mizuhara's currently serving a 57-month sentence after pleading guilty to bank fraud and stealing nearly \$17 million from his famous friend by placing illegal wagers on several sports — but not on baseball. (30for30Podcasts.com)

The Binge Cases: What She Buried — The latest true-crime serial podcast to capture American audiences' attention is this weekly podcast from journalist Justine van der Leun. Seven years ago, she received a letter from a female prison inmate in Texas, whose story was "more complicated, tangled and murky than [she] could have ever imagined." It all comes to a head when a woman walks into a Dallas courtroom and confesses to a murder that she didn't commit. (SonyMusic.com)

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Lucky Predictions for October 2026

ARIES: March 21 to April 19

1st thru 6th...
Nice one (sizzle) 5th-6th!
7th thru 12th...
Nope
13th thru 18th...
Fired Up to win 14th-15th!!
19th thru 24th...
Exceedingly good 19th-20th!!
25th thru 31st...
Happy on top 28th-29th\$\$

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20

1st thru 6th...
You've got it right 2nd-3rd\$
7th thru 12th...
Lucrative bets 7th-8th!!
13th thru 18th...
Hard cards are ahead 17th!
19th thru 24th...
More fi\$h to catch 21st-22nd\$
25th thru 31st...
No stopping you 26th\$!

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21

1st thru 6th...
Bet wisely 1st & 5th-6th
7th thru 12th...
Make it so 9th-10th
13th thru 18th...
Not advised
19th thru 24th...
Bank on RED 24th-25th!!
25th thru 31st...
Totally yours 28th \$\$

CANCER: June 22 to July 22

1st thru 6th...
Easy as pie 2nd-3rd \$\$
7th thru 12th...
Momentum gained 7th & 11th!
13th thru 18th...
Don't see it
19th thru 24th...
Heap o' \$\$\$ 21st-22nd
25th thru 31st...
Play for keeps 30th-31st\$\$

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22

1st thru 6th...
Mighty good 1st, 5th & 6th!
7th thru 12th...
Luck is catchy 9th-10th\$
13th thru 18th...
RED rewards 14th-15th\$\$
19th thru 24th...
Winning comes easy 24th-25th\$
25th thru 31st...
Ding-ding-ding\$!\$ 28th-29th

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

1st thru 6th...
It's your game 2nd-3rd\$\$
7th thru 12th...
Unstoppable 7th & 12th!
13th thru 18th...
Get it the 16th!
19th thru 24th...
Not so much
25th thru 31st...
Victorious 26th & 30th!\$!

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

1st thru 6th...
Loaded prospects 1st, 5th & 6th!
7th thru 12th...
Terrific jackpot the 10th\$\$
13th thru 18th...
Luck overflows 14th-15th!
19th thru 24th...
Big blessings the 20th
25th thru 31st...
In for a treat 28th-29th!

SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21

1st thru 6th...
It's your pick 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th...
Multiple wins 7th, 11th & 12th!
13th thru 18th...
Not ideal
19th thru 24th...
Exceptional win 21st\$\$
25th thru 31st...
Possibilities the 31st!

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

1st thru 6th...
Lucky breaks 1st & 6th!
7th thru 12th...
Friend's idea tracks the 10th\$
13th thru 18th...
Take it higher 14th-15th!
19th thru 24th...
Good instincts 24th\$
25th thru 31st...
Keep a lid on it

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

1st thru 6th...
Wait it out
7th thru 12th...
Show up to win 7th & 12th!
13th thru 18th...
You got game the 16th!
19th thru 24th...
Rooting for you the 21st!\$!
25th thru 31st...
Not bad/not great the 26th

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

1st thru 6th...
Lined up to WIN the 1st
7th thru 12th...
Companion's turn the 9th\$
13th thru 18th...
Get up & GO 14th-15th!
19th thru 24th...
Better chances 23rd-24th!\$
25th thru 31st...
Winning compromise 28th-29th\$

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20

1st thru 6th...
Undeniable 2nd-3rd\$\$
7th thru 12th...
Deep BLUE's on 11th-12th\$
13th thru 18th...
Not bad 16th-17th
19th thru 24th...
On your mark 21st!\$!
25th thru 31st...
Get back in it 30th-31st\$\$

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

PREDICTORS LUCKY CARD FOR OCTOBER 2026

8	27	32	59	72
2	17	35	50	70
6	24	★	56	61
14	16	40	54	69
4	18	37	47	68

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS OCTOBER 2026

1st	Pumpkin Spice Day
3rd	Last Quarter Moon ☾
5th	World Teacher's Day
9th	Leif Erikson Day
10th	New Moon ☾
12th	Columbus Day
17th	National Pasta Day
18th	First Quarter Moon ☾
24th	National Bologna Day
25th	World Opera Day
26th	Full Moon ☾
30th	Halloween



by Frederick Woodruff
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Horoscopes for October 2026

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): How to feel free while meeting obligations that seem to be dampening your spirits? You need to reframe your commitment as a choice. The words we use to define our world have the power to trap us or free us. Change up the wording you use— you'll be surprised with the results.

Lucky Days: 16 - 26

Lucky Numbers: 3 - 19

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): Agitation within your relationships can disrupt you mentally and physically. Ask yourself if you are relying too much on other people to give you a sense of security and well-being. October is about finding your own footing, regardless of those around you.

Lucky Days: 7 - 11

Lucky Numbers: 54 - 56

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): As winter approaches, you're ready to meet new parts of yourself that will startle you. Suddenly you're interested in deeper learning and getting to the bottom of things. Skimming the surface won't work now. You've got to do some digging to find the gold.

Lucky Days: 15 - 17

Lucky Numbers: 9 - 33

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Develop ways to sustain a peaceful and healing environment at home. Work might be demanding more and more from you, but don't skimp on making your home an oasis of calm. More than any other sign, you rely on your domain to keep you centered and sane.

Lucky Days: 9 - 19

Lucky Numbers: 44 - 48

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): Jupiter, the planet of blessings continues to move through your sign. This provides you with a boost of daring and courage. Use those energies to actively promote yourself. Relationships you develop now have the potential to impact your life in profound ways.

Lucky Days: 4 - 14

Lucky Numbers: 8 - 21

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Docile 2. Garner 3. Shear 4. Resist
Today's Word: SINGLE

JUMBLES: GLAZE AWAIT PARDON MEDIUM

Answer: To create the painting of the hog, the artist needed just the right — PIGMENT

HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Stripe is added. 2. Pencil is removed. 3. Tent is smaller. 4. Shorts are different. 5. Rock is moved. 6. Cap is reversed.

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Real glory springs from the silent conquest of ourselves; and without that the conqueror is naught but the first slave. — James Thomson

BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 26 mins.

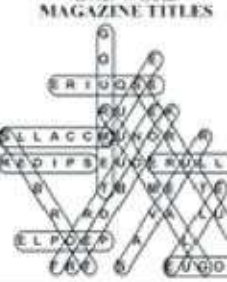


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9	5	1	7	4	8	2	6	3
2	6	8	9	5	3	1	7	4
4	7	3	1	6	2	8	9	5
5	2	9	8	7	6	4	3	1
6	3	4	2	1	9	5	8	7
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