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Gasoline Alley By Jim Scancarelli



And Interesting Hand

By Jonathan Little

I recently played an interesting hand in a \$1,000 buy-in live tournament where we started with 30,000 chips at 100/200 with hour-long levels, meaning there was lots of time to hang out and wait for strong hands. Everyone at my table was doing exactly that, so I adjusted my strategy and made a point to steal every pot once it was clear no one was interested in winning it.

This allowed me to double my starting stack within three hours with almost no risk, which is always an amazing result. However, when you are constantly pushing your opponents around, your observant opponents will eventually assume that you are overly wild and may adjust.

At 300/600 with a 600 big blind ante, an

overly weak, tight player who was clearly waiting for strong preflop cards raised to 1,500 out of his 22,000 stack from first position. The hijack and button called. I looked down at the AdKc—normally a premium hand—in the small blind and just called.

When facing a first-position raiser who almost certainly has a premium hand, bloating the pot from out of position will usually get you in trouble. Ace-king will only win around 40% of the time against a range containing exactly A-A, K-K, Q-Q, J-J, and A-K, which is likely what you will be against if the initial raiser decides to re-re-raise.

If you re-raise and the initial raiser calls, everyone else will usually call too, forcing you to play a four-way pot from out of position. Since both of these results are quite bad, calling is the best play because it forces your opponents to stay in the pot with hands you dominate while also under-representing your hand.

The flop came As10d8c giving me top pair. I checked, as I would do with all of my hands from out of position in a multi-way pot, and the initial raiser bet 3,000 into the 7,200 pot. Everyone folded around to me.

While I would normally call in this situation to keep my opponent in the pot with hands that are drawing thin, such as A-J and K-K, I was convinced that my opponent liked his hand. Since I had an ace in my hand, I am unlikely to be against pocket aces. I also thought it was fairly unlikely that he had pocket eights because he would have limped with that preflop (just to be clear, limping eights is vastly inferior to raising).

This meant that unless he has exactly pocket tens, I am either chopping against ace-king or ahead against ace-queen or ace-jack. I did not

BOB ON BINGO

By Bob Whittmore

The Worst Bingo Hall of All

As most of you know, during the past nearly quarter of a century you and I have been meeting like this...on the pages of the *Bingo Bugle*...I have tried to be a crusader for the average Bingo player. I have taken on the big casinos and big halls and stupid rules and, years ago, SMOKING.

I think I have been as fair as I could be and have gotten a ton of nice emails at bingo@earthlink.net.

But, in some of my recent columns I have spewed a lot of criticism at some mistakes and problems I have been finding, as I have traveled and continued to read your emails. This month, a look at the lousiest Bingo hall I have ever found.



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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get the vibe that my opponent would fold his strong hands because most amateur players who use an overly tight preflop strategy tend to stick around way too long post-flop with their marginal made hands. They feel that since they so rarely enter the pot, they must win every time they connect with the board.

So, I went all in for my opponent's 17,500 remaining stack. My opponent proudly called and turned up the AhQh. He could not believe it when I turned up ace-king because in his mind, I "must" raise with that hand before the flop. The turn and river did not help my opponent and I added even more chips to my already large stack early in the tournament.

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This hall was suggested to me as a "great place" to play "Saturday Bingo." It's about an hour's drive from here, but I found the little city—nestled along a winding spot in the White River. I remembered as I passed the county courthouse that, years and years ago, my grandfather had worked there in the County Recorder's Office. But, alas, that was a verrrrry long time ago.

I found the Bingo hall on a side street. It was a charity Bingo, run by a local civic club. The hall was easy to find, but a very confusing place to play. Here is why.

First, there were no rules posted and no indication of the prices of the games. And when I finally got my cards and sat down to play, none of the games that were being played matched the line-up on the factsheet I was given.

Second, there apparently were far too many ways to score a Bingo, though none of these was listed.

It would appear that frequent visitors there KNEW what was going on—despite the fact that many things had changed since the original fact sheets were printed. They expected that I—a newcomer—would know all of that stuff (!). I was even criticized when I brought my concerns to the caller.

Thirdly, the sellers of the side games (the pull-tabs) were so loud they intruded on the game, which was called by a very soft-spoken caller speaking over a puny sound system.

For a while I could not figure of if it was a Bingo hall with side games, or gambling hall where a very quiet and very confusing Bingo game was attempting to be held at the same time as the "pull tab circus" that was going on.

No, I never went back. But, just a week after my encounter at that hall, a friend of mine went there and won \$1,000 on a cover-all. When he told me about his winnings he said: "See, that place isn't really that bad.... is it?"

Next time: The Best Bingo Hall of All



QUESTIONS

1. Who released "Your Love Keeps Lifting Me" Higher and Higher?"
2. Name the group that released "This Old Heart of Mine."
3. Which artist released "Rock With You"?
4. Name the first No. 1 song released by Dire Straits.
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Once I thought my innocence was gone, Now I know that happiness goes on."

ANSWERS

1. Jackie Wilson, in 1967. The songwriter objected to how it was being sung, but Jackie Wilson stepped up and recorded the vocals in one take. It went to No. 1 on the R&B chart.
2. The Isley Brothers, in 1966. The song was used in the television show *Moonlighting* in the 1980s, starring Bruce Willis and Cybill Shepherd, and was included on the soundtrack album.
3. Michael Jackson, in 1979. The song was released on his *Off the Wall* album.
4. "Private Investigations," in 1982, in the Netherlands. There was no No. 1 in the U.S. until 1985 with "Money for Nothing."
5. "The Longest Time," by Billy Joel in 1984. Originally written for a vocal group, Joel ended up doing all the parts himself. The song went to No. 1 on the Adult Contemporary chart but only No. 14 on the Hot 100.

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Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Kitchen Safety

Dear Savvy Senior,

My 77-year-old mother, who loves to cook has had several kitchen-related accidents over the past year. What tips can you recommend for making a kitchen safer and more practical for seniors, without doing a big expensive remodel.

—Inquiring Daughter

Dear Inquiring,

There are a number of small improvements and simple modifications you can do that can make a big difference in making your mom's kitchen safer and easier to maneuver. Depending on her needs, here are some tips for different aspects of her kitchen.

Lights: If the lighting in your mom's kitchen needs improvement, replace the old overhead fixture with a bright new ceiling light, and add LED lighting under upper kitchen cabinets to brighten up her kitchen countertops.

Floors: If she has kitchen throw rugs, to reduce tripping or slipping, replace them with non-skid floor mats or consider gel mats, which are cushiony and more comfortable to stand on for long periods. GelPro.com and WellnessMats.com offer a nice selection.

Cabinets and drawers: To reduce bending or reaching, organize your mom's kitchen cabinets and drawers so that the items she most frequently uses are within comfortable reach. You can also make her lower cabinets and pantry easier to access by installing pullout shelves or Lazy Susans. And, by installing pull-down shelves in her upper cabinets (see Rev-a-shelf.com) so she doesn't have to get on a stool to reach things on high shelves. I also recommend replacing her cabinet and drawer knobs with D or C shaped pull-handles because they're more comfortable to grasp than knobs.

Faucet: If your mom has a twist-handle kitchen faucet, replace it with an ADA compliant single handle faucet, or with a touch, motion or digital smart faucet. They're easier to operate, especially if she has arthritis or gripping problems. And, for safety purposes, set her hot water tank at 120 degrees to prevent possible water burns.

Microwave and cooktop safety: If your mom's microwave is mounted above her stove, consider moving it, or get her a small microwave for the countertop so she doesn't have to reach over a cooktop to insert or remove food. And if you're worried about your mom forgetting to turn off the stove there are automatic shut-off devices you can purchase and install to prevent a fire. iGuardStove (iGuardFire.com) makes one of the best smart shutoff devices for gas and electric stoves. And to guard against microwave fires, there's the SmartMicro microwave shutoff made by Pioneering Technology (PioneeringTech.com).

Shopping for Appliances

If you're looking to upgrade some of your mom's appliances, here are some different features to keep in mind.

Refrigerator: French-door refrigerators that open in the middle are great for seniors because it makes it easier to see and reach what's inside. Pullout adjustable height shelves and a water/ice dispenser on the outside of the door are also very convenient.

Stove or cooktop: Look for one with controls in the front so your mom won't have to reach over hot burners to turn it off, and make sure the controls are easy to see. Flat surface electric or induction burners, or continuous grates on gas stoves are also great for sliding heavy pots and pans from one burner to the next. And ask about automatic shut off burners.

Oven: Self-cleaning ovens are a plus and consider a side-swing door model. They're easier to get into because you don't have to lean over a hot swing-down door. Also consider a wall-mounted oven, installed at your mom's preferred height to eliminate bending.

Dishwasher: Consider a drawer-style dishwasher that slides in and out for easier access and, if possible, have it installed on a raised platform 12 to 24 inches above floor level so it can be loaded and unloaded without bending over.

Washer and dryer: Front-load washers and dryers with pedestals that raise the height around 24 inches are also back-savers and easier to access.

FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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ONTURA
♥ ITTSW
♥ ISET
SNOXTE
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AXFU
ALFRO
♥ TSI
♥ TNSEFI
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FWTE

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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DEAR PAWS: My Labrador mix, "Barney," has a bad gas problem. I monitor his food intake and have even tried putting him on a special diet food, but he continues to emit noxious odors -- not just after eating, but throughout the day. Barney is about 9 years old and was adopted from the shelter. Any ideas on how to solve his problem? Thanks. — Jesse B., Independence, MO

DEAR JESSE: If you haven't taken Barney to the vet lately, please do so. As a senior dog, Barney could be developing some problems, including digestive issues, that manifest in a stinky way.

Take note of your dog's overall physical state and any changes in his behavior or daily routine, and report them to the veterinarian. If he seems agitated, if he is constantly panting or whining, if he drinks water constantly — these can be signs of a problem. Check his stools when he eliminates; loose or runny indicates a problem — perhaps minor, perhaps not.

If Barney spends any unsupervised time outside, even just in the backyard, consider whether he has eaten anything he shouldn't. For example, dogs love to root around and roll in smelly carcasses and other animals' droppings, and sometimes eat them. He could have picked up a parasite.

Dogs also have a tendency to overeat when given the chance. Secure his dog food well and monitor his eating, just in case. Gorging on dog food or leftovers can cause a life-threatening condition.

He may just need a diet that is designed for him, but let the veterinarian make recommendations based on his diagnosis.

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

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The Garden Bug Night blooms

Flowers that are visited by night pollinators typically grow in clusters. They open in late afternoon or the evening and are usually white or very light-colored. They can be copious nectar producers and are usually very fragrant. Moonflowers, tobacco, yucca, datura, tuberose, four-o'clocks, night phlox, Japanese wisteria and gardenia are just a few of these types.

— Brenda Weaver

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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

★ Venus is the only planet to spin clockwise.
★ Around 600 B.C., a Greek athlete by the name of Protesilaus threw a discus 152 feet from a standing position. His record remained unbroken for over 2,000 years, until Clarence Houser threw a discus 155 feet in 1928.

★ The nursery rhyme *Humpty Dumpty* doesn't state that Humpty Dumpty was an egg.

★ In the 1950s, Quaker Oats devised a clever marketing scheme in which the company bought 19.11 acres in the Yukon, divided them into 21 million parcels of just a square inch apiece, and included deeds to the tiny plots in boxes of Puffed Wheat and Puffed Rice.

★ A game of bridge contains 53,644,737.76 5,488,792,839,237,440,000 possible ways in which the cards can be dealt.

★ To encourage his fellow Norsemen to settle a large, snow-and-ice-covered island he discovered in the year 982, Eric the Red called it Greenland. The ploy worked.

★ Niagara Falls is slowly eroding by 1 to 2 feet per year. Since their formation some 12,000 years ago, the falls have already withdrawn 7 miles upstream, and if that rate continues, they should meet up with Lake Erie, about 20 miles from their present site, within the next 35,000 years.

★ In movies and television, scientists are more likely to suffer a violent death than members of any other profession.

★ The lead-acid battery, the type most commonly used in cars, was invented by Martha C. Weston, who patented it in 1859 when she was only 17 years old.

★ Lemons float, but limes sink.

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

1. Cast member	L _ _ _ _	Religious request	R _ _ _ _
2. Pursue	_ A _ _ _	Opted	_ O _ _ _
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4. UK unit of weight	S _ _ _ _	Make amends	A _ _ _ _
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9. Horse seat	S _ _ _ _	Ping pong racket	P _ _ _ _
10. Round map	_ _ _ _ B _	Catcher's gear	_ _ _ _ V _

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Dirty Dogs and Pack Pickers

Hi Guy,

There is a disabled man who plays fairly regularly at one of our church Bingos. He is in a wheelchair and also has an older companion dog that appears to help him with certain tasks. I have no problem with any of this—I think it is wonderful that there are working dogs that have learned how to assist people in need.

As I say, the dog looks pretty mature and is also a bit overweight but appears generally healthy. The problem is that the dog is a little dirty and smelly. Obviously, the man is not equipped to bathe the dog, which I think would help. Is it rude/insensitive of me to suggest that it would be good for this dog if his owner had him cleaned up a little?

—West Coast Dog Lover

Hi West Coast,

That all depends on what exactly you are suggesting. If your plan is to simply tell the man that his dog is dirty and needs a bath, then yes, that is rude and insensitive. If your plan is to befriend this man, admire his dog and offer to take the pooch to a groomer or groom it yourself, then I think you are a kind, thoughtful, caring citizen whom I admire very much. It's easy to be critical of situations and behaviors of which we do not approve or do not fully understand. The challenge is to be willing to step up and do something positive to correct the problem.

—Guy

Hi Ryan,

I recently have been trying out some new Bingo games for variety of atmosphere and play. At one of the Bingos, at a Catholic school, I noticed several people in line flipping through the stack of Bingo paper for sale and choosing certain packs. I have always taken whatever pack was handed to me; most of the other people in line did the same thing. No one seemed to care about these "flippers," so I didn't pay much attention at the time. Now that I have had time to think, I am wondering why they were allowed to "select" their Bingo paper in that fashion, and what exactly makes one pack a better choice than another. Any ideas? —Ryan, California

Hi Ryan,

I have seen a few of these pack surfers in my day and am actually acquainted with several of them. Of the three I asked about it, all answered with an explanation that was basically grounded in their particular superstition. One said she always wants the packs that are fifth and tenth in the stack. Another told me she looks for her lucky number—I think it was B-10—and only gets packs with B-10 on them. The third person said he just likes the option of choosing his own and looks for one with dark ink which he finds easiest to read.

That's as much as I've ever learned about it...except that it bugs a lot of people in line behind them because they think it looks fishy. Sounds like you did, too. —Guy

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Now, let's be real: While this dish is heavenly, it's also a special occasion treat due to its high fat and calorie content. In the South, shrimp aren't just an ingredient, they're a way of life. Treat them with the utmost care — overcooked shrimp are a cardinal sin! So, whether you're celebrating a milestone or simply want to elevate your dining experience, shrimp and grits are sure to steal the show.



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Casino Q&A

Q: Do Canadian casinos report jackpot wins of U.S. citizens to the IRS?

A: No. Canadian casinos don't tax any casino player. The player gets the full amount of a win. And unlike U.S. casinos, Canadian casinos are not required to report gambling wins to the IRS.

However, the IRS considers winnings from any source of gambling as income. And U.S. citizens must declare any slot machine profits above \$1,200 on Income Tax Form 1040 under Other Income (\$600 on sports and \$5,000 on poker). If you have any questions about Canadian winnings, speak with a tax consultant.

Q: Sometimes I see winning symbols appear just above or below the pay line. Does this mean anything?

A: No. It's what's called the "near-miss" feature. Many players get tricked into staying at a slot when they start seeing winning symbols appearing just above, below, or partially on the pay line. They think they just missed the payout by a hair, and it's a sign that the next few spins will do the trick. They won't. Winning symbols that occasionally appear above or below the screen line are simply part of a losing spin. And a losing spin is no sign of what's going to happen when you make the next 10 or 100 spins. Just ignore these "near-miss" winning symbols.

Q: Is it better to play slot machines during the week or on weekends?

A: A slot machine is nothing but a computer in slot's clothing. And being a computerized machine, it doesn't know or care what day of the week it is. So, there's no "better" day of the week to play. There is, however, one advantage to playing during the week: the casino is less crowded, and you have a better selection of machines to choose from.

SOUTHERN STYLE CREAMY SHRIMP AND GRITS

Yield: 4 generous servings
Total Time: 35 minutes

1 cup heavy cream
2 cups water
1 1/2 cups shrimp stock or chicken stock
1/4 cup butter
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 cup stone-ground grits
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
1-pound raw shrimp, large (21/30 per pound), peeled and deveined
3 tablespoons lemon juice
3 thick bacon slices
2 tablespoons onion, finely chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
2 tablespoons green or red bell pepper, finely chopped

In a large saucepan over medium-high heat, combine cream, water and hot stock. Bring the mixture to a gentle boil. Add butter, salt and pepper to the boiling mixture.

Slowly pour in the grits while whisking constantly to prevent them from settling at the bottom and scorching. Continue stirring until all the grits are added, then reduce the heat to low.

Cook the grits for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent scorching. You're going to want a lid on this saucepan. You see, grits bubble and splash while they cook. I've noticed none of the old recipes I researched said anything about this. I think it's a little joke Southerners like to play on the rest of us. Anyhoo, they will become tender and have an irresistible creamy, dreamy consistency. Add the Parmesan and give them a stir to finish them off.

If the grits become too thick, you can add warm stock or water to thin them. Once cooked, remove the saucepan from the heat.

Meanwhile, sprinkle the shrimp with lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste, toss to coat and set them aside.

In a large frying pan over medium heat, cook the bacon until it's browned but not quite crispy. Remove the bacon from the pan and rest it on a plate lined with paper towels. Let it cool, then coarsely chop it.

Reserve 4 tablespoons of the bacon grease from the frying pan and discard the rest. Add the onion, garlic and green or red bell pepper to the pan, and saute them for about 10 minutes or until the onion becomes transparent.

Reduce the temperature to low. Add the shrimp and lemon mixture and return the chopped bacon to the pan. Saute them for approximately 3 to 5 minutes, or until the shrimp just turn pink and are opaque in the center. You can cut one shrimp to test for doneness. Once cooked, immediately remove the pan from the heat.

To serve, spoon hot grits onto individual serving plates and top with shrimp mixture. Add one final squeeze of lemon and bask in the glory of your culinary masterpiece.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Getting By on a Low Food Budget

I recently read a report about price increases and inflation. It was financially technical, meaning it used a lot of terms that regular people would need to look up to understand, which means most of us wouldn't... which left the writer of the report free to come to conclusions not connected to reality.

For example, this particular report said that during the reporting period we'd had only a very tiny increase in food prices because of a drop in energy costs, and so on, which skewed all the individual numbers when they were averaged out.

Which doesn't help us at the grocery store, does it?

Here are some ideas to make our food dollars go further:

Sign up for every local grocery store loyalty rewards program you can find. Those amounts add up, and sometimes you'll get a surprise with the occasional coupon for a free item or buy two get one free. At the very least, you'll get a credit on your rewards account. My local store, for example, adds up all the credits for three months and applies them quarterly to my account once I activate them.

Take advantage of the sales at those stores by shopping their weekly flyer, either the paper version or digital version online. See how much of your weekly menu you can create by using those sale items, especially proteins and generic house brands. Keep an eye on the coupons that are issued at checkout and watch the coupons if you get the Sunday paper.

Check into free senior lunches, the food bank, Meals on Wheels, meals at the senior center, the local Council on Aging and churches with donation pantries as a means of getting no-cost food.

The key thing to remember is to eat as well as you can to stay healthy.

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Q: When is the final season of *Stranger Things* coming out? Also, how will they explain the actors being so much older since the last time they filmed? Is it set in the future? — *L.J.*

A: As far as a premiere date for the fifth and final season of the hit streaming series *Stranger Things*, it's said to be out on Netflix sometime in 2025. The good news is that the show has been in production since January after it was delayed an extra seven months due to the writers' and actors' strikes.

Ross Duffer, one of the show's creators, told TVLine that there will be a time jump in the story. In addition, the episodes will be lengthy, like "basically eight movies," according to Maya Hawke, who plays Robin in the show. *Terminator* star Linda Hamilton has also joined the cast in an undisclosed role.

Producer Shawn Levy acknowledges the fast-growing cast, but says that along with the hair and makeup teams, "the '80s are also our friends in returning these young adult actors to their iconic Hawkins characters."

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Make-A-Wish® Southern Nevada and Caesars Entertainment Join to Grant Fairytale Wish Fit for a Princess

WHAT: Five-year-old Samantha Buckley, who was diagnosed with a blood disorder at just one month, dreams of being the belle of a ball that is fit for a princess. Thanks to Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada and Caesars Entertainment, Samantha will get her royal wish. Caesars' team members - dressed as princes and princesses - will majestically greet Samantha at the "palace" porte-cochere and escort her and her family to a private area where she can choose from a collection of colorful princess dresses and crowns, perhaps even one that is pink just like her favorite Princess Peach.

Buckley and her family will enjoy a two-day staycation at Caesars Palace with experiences fit for royalty, including dinner at Gordon Ramsay Hell's Kitchen, a ride on the high roller, manicure at the spa, dinner at Maggiano's Little Italy, tickets to Mystere, time at the pool, and more. There may even be Samantha's favorite chocolate cake, Oreo cookies and Pringles along the way before retiring to the royal suite for the night.

Samantha's blood disorder requires her to receive monthly blood transfusions, but that never stops her from letting her inner princess shine bright. Although her medical journey hasn't been easy, the whole Buckley family is ready for Samantha's royal quest at one of Las Vegas' best-known palaces where they will enjoy a magical experience Samantha won't soon forget.

WHO: Samantha Buckley, Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada Wish Kid
Samantha's family
Representatives from Make-A-Wish Southern Nevada
Representatives from Caesars Entertainment

WHEN: Monday, August 5, 2024
Media Check-in: 2:45 p.m.
Wish Reveal: 3 p.m.

WHERE: Caesars Palace VIP Entrance off of W. Flamingo just west of Las Vegas Blvd. Entrance is directly across the street from Bellagio's north side entrance

MEDIA: Media RSVP required: Melissa Warren at melissa@twgpr.com, or 702-528-6016

About Make-A-Wish® Southern Nevada

Founded in 1980, Make-A-Wish® creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. The organization seeks to bring the power of a wish to every eligible child because every step of the wish journey can help children build the physical and emotional strength they need to fight their illness. Since the chapter's founding in 1996, more than 2,500 wishes have been granted for children in the local community. Together with generous donors, supporters, staff and more than 20,000 volunteers, Make-A-Wish® Southern Nevada and 57 other chapters throughout the U.S. have granted more than 375,000 wishes nationwide. For more information about Make-A-Wish® Southern Nevada, visit wish.org/snv.



Test Your Knowledge

1. TELEVISION: What is the longest-running talk show on television?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In terms of letter count, what is the longest month of the year?
3. MOVIES: Which famous action movie is set on Amity Island?
4. SCIENCE: What is heliocentrism?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of horses are featured in Budweiser beer ads?
6. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "The Land of 10,000 Lakes"?
7. FOOD & DRINK: How many goodies are in a baker's dozen?
8. INVENTIONS: Who invented the battery?
9. LANGUAGE: What does an ampersand symbol signify?
10. GEOGRAPHY: In which desert is Las Vegas, Nevada, located?

ANSWERS

1. *The Tonight Show* debuted in 1954.
2. September.
3. Jaws.
4. It is the idea that the Earth and other planets orbit the Sun.
5. Clydesdale.
6. Minnesota.
7. 13.
8. Alessandro Volta.
9. The conjunction "and."
10. Mojave Desert.

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Summer C., Danielle J. and JoAnn M. showed off their wild bingo pants at Plaza bingo. Let's Play!



William and Linda C. brought their lucky charms and won big at the Green Valley Big 50K Bingo Game! Congratulations!



Debra R. of Minnetonka Minnesota loves to come out to Las Vegas every month just to play Bingo! Debra tried her hand and won \$750 at the Palace Station \$50,000 Bingo Luau!



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Mega10 Keno jackpot at the Plaza Hotel & Casino now at \$4.3 million

Entries can be earned by playing Super Bingo next month through May 2024, including first-ever New Year's tournament



LAS VEGAS (Aug. 12, 2024) – Now at \$4.3 million, the Mega10 Keno jackpot at the Plaza Hotel & Casino is overdue to hit and continues to rise.

A multi-jurisdictional progressive game, Mega10 is offered in casinos across the United States. The Plaza is the only property to offer Mega10 in downtown Las Vegas. Tickets cost \$1.50. To play, 20 of 80 numbers are drawn in Keno, and 10 must be matched to the ten Mega10 numbers wagered to hit the jackpot. Mega10 also offers payouts for matching fewer

of the 10 numbers played: 5 (\$1.50), 6 (\$10), 7 (\$100), 8 (1,000) and 9 (\$7,500).

"Statistically, the jackpot should have hit at around \$2.3 million, so the race is on because the jackpot is rising quickly," said Weldon Russell, director of bingo and keno at the Plaza Hotel & Casino.

The Plaza has a live Keno lounge on the casino floor where players can enjoy the thrill of the game with draws happening every 5-8 minutes, daily from 11 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. The A large screen with a game board

Description automatically generated with medium confidencePlaza also has multiple Keno monitors throughout the casino floor and at the Sports Book Bar, Omaha Lounge, Hash House A Go Go, and inside the Bingo room on the third floor. Members of the Plaza's Plaza Rewards Players Club can earn points for Keno play. Live drawings can be watched online at <https://www.kenousa.com/games/Plaza/Main/>.

One Mega10 ticket can be played at the Plaza for up to 1,000 games (it stays in play for a week). Players have up to a year to collect winnings on tickets played for 21 games or more and 7 days for tickets played for 1 to 20 games.

Mega10's odds of matching all 10 numbers picked are 1 in 8,911,711. In comparison, California Lottery's SuperLotto Plus is about 4.5 times harder to hit than Mega10, and has a current jackpot of about \$13 Million, about 3 times higher than the Mega10 jackpot. The odds of hitting the SuperLotto Plus jackpot are 1 in 41,416,353.

Once the Mega10 jackpot hits and is reinsured, the jackpot willrestart at \$1 million.

About the Plaza Hotel & Casino

Located in the heart of downtown Las Vegas, the Plaza Hotel & Casino combines a vintage Rat Pack attitude with modern styling and personal customer service for the ultimate Vegas experience. First opened in 1971 and built on the site of the original Las Vegas railroad depot at 1 Main Street, the Plaza has transformed its historic location into a one-of-a-kind destination for cocktails, gaming, entertainment, and dining. Its glittering porte-cochère is home to the outdoor Carousel Bar that offers handmade cocktails inside a life-sized, animated Vegas-themed carousel setting. The Main Street entrance also is home to Pinkbox Doughnuts and downtown's first and only smokefree, social media friendly gaming space created in partnership with social media influencer Brian Christopher. The Plaza has nearly 1,000 modern rooms and suites, a classic Vegas showroom, downtown's only bingo hall, live music at the Sand Dollar Downtown, and 30,000 sq. ft. of refurbished ballroom and meeting space. The Plaza brought the rodeo back to downtown with its CORE Arena, downtown's only outdoor equestrian and multipurpose facility. Guests enjoy a variety of dining options led by the renowned Oscar's Steakhouse in the hotel's iconic glass dome and on a rooftop patio overlooking the Fremont Street Experience. A lounge-style sports book along with hundreds of slot machines and nearly two dozen table games comprise an 80,000-square-foot casino floor. A rooftop pool and recreation deck with private cabanas, hot tub, food truck, and dedicated Pickleball courts, provide a variety of outdoor amenities. For more information on the award-winning Plaza Hotel & Casino, visit www.plazahotelcasino.com. Get updates via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Canada to Vegas a Bingo Bachelorette Party! Teri-Anne of Vancouver, Canada was joined by all her best girl friends and family for a wild Bingo Bachelorette trip to Las Vegas' **Gold Coast Casino**. (L-R) Emily M., Angela G., Mercedes B., Jessica B., (Bride to Be) Teri-Anne, Jamie T., Dee W., Helen B., Andrea B., Nicole Z., Heather H., Christina T., Serena P.



Video Poker Key Combos Analysis

When playing Jacks or Better, one of the hands that usually confuses players is a suited high card and a suited 10 along with another unsuited high card. For example, how would you play this hand?

You have two playing decisions to consider:

- Hold the suited J-10 of hearts and discard the unsuited Q.
- Hold the unsuited J-Q and discard the 10.

The correct play (the one with the higher expected value, or EV) is to hold the unsuited J-Q and discard the 10.

When I first started playing video poker, I used to refer to my strategy card to be sure I was always making the right decision when my hand contained a suited high card and 10 along with another unsuited high card. Then it dawned on me that for the case of either the suited J-10 or Q-10 along with an unsuited high card holding:

- You should always hold the two unsuited high cards when the unsuited high card in the hand was adjacent to the highest-value card

in the high card-10 combination.

For example, if your hand contains a suited J-10 and the other unsuited high card is a queen, you should hold the unsuited J-Q (because the queen is adjacent to the jack). Suppose a hand contains a suited J-10 and unsuited K? Since the king is not adjacent to the jack, your best hold is suited J-10. Get it?

Follow the 'Adjacent Rule'

This led me to what I call the "adjacent rule" as a simple way to remember how to play J-10 and Q-10 hands. However, the adjacent rule only works for suited J-10 and Q-10. The suited K-10 (and A-10) is much lower in value than the J-10 or Q-10. Therefore, you should always hold two unsuited high cards over a suited K-10 (and you should never hold A-10).

For example, if your hand contains a suited K-10 and an unsuited Q, you should hold the unsuited K-Q. Likewise, if you have a suited A-10 and an unsuited Q, you would hold the unsuited Q-A.

An Example to Test Out

Try playing these hands using the adjacent rule, or the rules for suited K-10 and A-10 where appropriate, so you see how easy it is to make the right play.

- 6S 5H 10D JD QC
- 10H QH KS 4H 6C
- AH 6D JC 10H 5S
- JS KD 7S 3D 10S

Answers:

1. Hold the unsuited JD and QC.
2. Hold the unsuited QH and KS.
3. Hold the AH and JC.
4. Hold the JS and 10S.

The above strategy can be used for Jacks or Better (JOB) games where the flush pays six times your bet (e.g., 9/6 JOB and 8/6 JOB). You can use the above strategy for Jacks or Better games where the flush pays five times your bet (e.g., 9/5 JOB and 8/5 JOB) with this exception.

- Hold an unsuited A-Q over a suited Q-10.



Margo loves to play All Paper Bingo at **Sunset Station**. She danced away with a Cash Ball for a total win \$1,640!



Rebecca W. was a big winner at **Green Valley Ranch**, winning BINGO not once but twice in a row and taking home \$2,000, leaving everyone amazed by her incredible luck! Way to go, Rebecca!

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Lucky Predictions for September 2024

ARIES: March 21 to April 19

1st thru 6th...
Very good early the 1st
7th thru 12th...
Set it straight 9th-10thSS
13th thru 18th...
Amazing win the 15thSS!
19th thru 24th...
Better than ever 22nd-23rd!
25th thru 30th...
Give it all ya got 27th-28thSS!

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20

1st thru 6th...
Whoop 'em good 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th...
Toss in a hard card the 12thSS
13th thru 18th...
Dreams materialize the 16thSS!
19th thru 24th...
Halfway decent 20th-21st
25th thru 30th...
Prize is yours 24th-25thSS!

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21

1st thru 6th...
Make a deal 4th-5thSS
7th thru 12th...
Chill
13th thru 18th...
Wow—15th & 18thSS
19th thru 24th...
You GO 19th & 23rdSS!
25th thru 30th...
Back in w/RED 27th-28thSS

CANCER: June 22 to July 22

1st thru 6th...
Mean GREEN the 2nd to win!
7th thru 12th...
Payoff continues the 7th!
13th thru 18th...
BLUE sees ya thru 16thSS
19th thru 24th...
Luck increases 20th-21st
25th thru 30th...
Better yet the 29thSS

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22

1st thru 6th...
Best chances the 5thSS
7th thru 12th...
ORANGE edge 9th-10thSS
13th thru 18th...
Step right up 18thSS
19th thru 24th...
Possibilities abound 22nd-23rd!
25th thru 30th...
Heck yeah the 28th!

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

1st thru 6th...
Tricky but possible the 2nd
7th thru 12th...
Plans for 7th & 12th pan out!
13th thru 18th...
Nah
19th thru 24th...
Get up & go 20th-21st!
25th thru 30th...
Small bets 25th & 29thSS

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

1st thru 6th...
All kinds of hit 4th-6th!
7th thru 12th...
Sharp as a tack the 8th!
13th thru 18th...
PURPLE wins the pot 14th-15th
19th thru 24th...
Must play to win 22nd-23rd!
25th thru 30th...
RED racks it up 27th-28thSS

SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21

1st thru 6th...
Can't go wrong the 2nd!
7th thru 12th...
Still cookin' 7th & 12thSS
13th thru 18th...
Magic wins the 16thSS!
19th thru 24th...
Revvv it up the 24thSS
25th thru 30th...
Amazing luck the 29th

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

1st thru 6th...
Your days to play 1st, 5th-6thSS
7th thru 12th...
Nada
13th thru 18th...
Right on the SS 15th!
19th thru 24th...
Oh yeah—19th!
25th thru 30th...
RED is blessed the 28thSS!

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

1st thru 6th...
Exceeds expectations the 2nd!
7th thru 12th...
It's in the cards 7th-8thSS
13th thru 18th...
Make an attempt 16th
19th thru 24th...
Somewhat promising 20th-21st
25th thru 30th...
Too lucky 4 words 29thSS

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

1st thru 6th...
Exceedingly hopeful 5th-6thSS
7th thru 12th...
Just alright the 10th
13th thru 18th...
Luck & more luck 14th-15th & 18th
19th thru 24th...
Right place right time 23rdSS
25th thru 30th...
Afraid not

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20

1st thru 6th...
Don't bother
7th thru 12th...
Start it right 7th & 12thSS!
13th thru 18th...
BLUE's best bet 16th
19th thru 24th...
Solid wins 21st & 24thSS
25th thru 30th...
Celebrate your luck 25th!

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

PREDICTORS LUCKY CARD FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

6	23	31	58	64
10	29	35	53	69
13	20	★	55	70
9	25	41	47	72
7	27	38	49	65

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2024

2nd	Labor Day
3rd	New Moon
6th	Read a Book Day
8th	National Grandparents Day
11th	First Quarter Moon
11th	Patriot Day
12th	Chocolate Milk Shake Day
18th	Full Moon
22nd	September Equinox
26th	Last Quarter Moon
27th	Native American Day
28th	Breakfast in Bed Day



by Frederick Woodruff
Explore more at ASTROINQUIRY.COM

Horoscopes for September 2024

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): Your thoughts are lingering in the past and reconsidering events you might have ignored or simply jumped over earlier in the year. You'll be surprised with what you discover, an important puzzle piece to a project you've been working on through the summer.

Lucky Days: 3 - 18
Lucky Numbers: 45 - 49

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): If you feel caught between the rational and the fantastical, try to reframe the experience as an important passage in your life. You'll learn how to let your imagination fly while keeping your feet firmly on the ground.

Lucky Days: 11 - 22
Lucky Numbers: 29 - 38

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): You'll benefit by finding a middle path to tread this month as events in your circle move from exciting to depressing in a heartbeat. You're learning how not to become too identified with one outcome or another because, as you're seeing, everything keeps changing.

Lucky Days: 23 - 28
Lucky Numbers: 19 - 56

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Here come the tailwinds you've waited for as Mars, the vitalizing planet, moves through your sign. Choose wisely how to optimize this new rush of courage and daring. Try to apply discipline to health and nutritional projects—perfect compliments to this energy increase.

Lucky Days: 4 - 15
Lucky Numbers: 48 - 33

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): This is a month where you can slow down your pace and attend to any details you might have missed in the summer rush. The full Moon on the 17th finds you in a dreamy mood and searching for a romantic connection—or at least a new playmate.

Lucky Days: 4 - 15
Lucky Numbers: 29 - 39

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): The full Moon on the 17th pulls you into a challenge where you must announce your allegiance to one cause over another. It's not possible to remain in the middle now. Trust your sharp analytical abilities to make the right decision for everyone involved.

Lucky Days: 2 - 9
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 58

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): This is a glamorous month for you, with Venus, the planet of charm and beauty, moving through your sign. Consider some makeovers on the home front, too, where you turn your living space into an attractive environment you'll want to show off at parties and get-togethers.

Lucky Days: 19 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 34 - 56

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): The full Moon on the 17th powers up your imagination. Suddenly, you're picturing a new world for yourself towards the close of the year. This is an excellent time to dive deeply into challenges that require intuition and cunning to solve. Don't pull back.

Lucky Days: 7 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 5 - 48

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): September finds you irritable and antsy. You're feeling restless and maybe trapped by a situation that you've avoided confronting. Gather your courage, and then, on the full Moon on the 17th, let go of what no longer supports your emotional life.

Lucky Days: 11 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 58

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20): It won't hurt to bring some methodical, thoughtful problem-solving into the mix now. It's time to power up the engine on a project that's occupied your mind throughout the year. Don't be intimidated by what change is about to initiate in your life.

Lucky Days: 1 - 16
Lucky Numbers: 34 - 55

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): This is a month where fantasy and imagination replace your usual thought process. Listen to your dreams—they can help you resolve conflicts, refresh your thinking, and inspire new solutions. The full Moon on the 17th offers you a chance to correct a nagging relationship issue.

Lucky Days: 8 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 28 - 44

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): With the full Moon in your sign on the 17th, you might feel pressure to remove yourself from a situation that's been draining your energy. The month offers you the opportunity to bring to a crescendo a creative project that you've finessed throughout the year. Go out with a bang.

Lucky Days: 6 - 18
Lucky Numbers: 5 - 58

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Aligns 2. Angel 3. Terse 4. Sprite
Today's Word: SILENT

JUMBLES: MIMIC GUAVA WANTED GUITAR
Answer: When is a dog's tail not a tail? When it's a — "WAGGIN"

HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Wheel is different
3. Fence is not as wide. 4. Sleeve is added. 5. Release lever is missing.
6. Hair is different.

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: My stories run up and bite me in the leg
— I respond by writing down everything that goes on during the bite.
— Ray Bradbury

BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 25 mins.

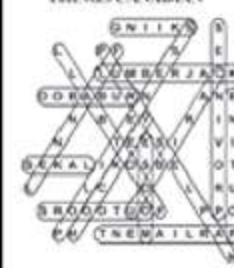


SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

MAGICMAZE ANSWERS

THINGS CANADIAN





SEPTEMBER BINGO PROMOTIONS

Labor Day Bingo Blowout – September 2

- 3X \$1,000 coveralls at all sessions
- Bonus Ball – bingo on B-2 for \$1,000 any number ending in 2 for \$250 – validation required

Fall Bingo Jam – Saturday, September 14

- All sessions include 4X \$1,000 coveralls
- 10 drawing winners receive \$50 free Bingo play

Saturday Brunch Bingo – Sept 28

- Complimentary mimosas and pastries at the 11am session

Mondays – half price Bingo when paying with points

- Points issued at Rampart Rewards center and redeemed in Bingo Room

Fridays & Saturdays at 7pm & 9pm:

- 4x \$1,000 coveralls

NFL Fan Special – wear NFL apparel on Sunday, Monday or Thursday and receive two free Small rainbows

- All Sessions, \$50 minimum buy in

Free Small Rainbows Wednesdays

- Three (3) free Small Rainbow Packs with \$50 minimum buy in validation required

Sundays at 11am & 1pm:

- 4x \$1,000 coveralls

Double/Triple pay sessions

- Monday- Saturday at 1pm & Sunday - Thursday at 7pm
- 1st chance coverall \$1,000, 2nd & 3rd chance \$250

Bonus “R” balls – Three times a week – every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

- At the 11am, 3pm, & 9pm sessions
- Bingo on B-9 or any number ending in 9 and receive an \$500
- In addition to the regular pay-out / validation required

FLASHBOARD NUMBERS

B: 01 03 08 12 15
I: 18 24 25 27 29
N: 32 35 36 38 40
G: 51 54 56 57 58
O: 63 64 66 69 74

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a medium-sized bowl, mix flour, sugar and nutmeg (if used). In a separate bowl, dissolve the baking soda in the buttermilk and add to the flour mixture. Beat the egg yolks in a separate bowl. Stir in the molasses, beaten egg yolks and softened butter. Divide in half and pour into the two unbaked pie shells. Bake for 30 minutes on the bottom rack of the oven. In a clean mixing bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff. This makes a meringue. Put the meringue on the top of the pies. Brown for a few minutes in the oven. Makes two pies.

SHOOFLY PIE

- 2 c. flour
- 1 ½ c. brown sugar
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 4 T. margarine
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 c. molasses
- 1 ½ c. hot water (not boiling)
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 unbaked pie shells

In a mixing bowl, mix flour, sugar, salt and margarine together until crumbly. Reserve two cups for topping. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. To the remaining crumb mixture, add the eggs, molasses and one cup hot water. Mix well. Add the baking soda to ½ c. hot water and add to mixture. Pour the mixture into the two pie shells. Top with reserved crumbs. Bake for 10 minutes. Reduce the heat to 375 degrees and bake for an additional 30 minutes or until tops of pies are dry. Makes two pies.

MOLASSES PIE

- 2 T. flour
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 c. buttermilk
- 1 c. molasses
- 4 eggs (separated)
- 4 T. butter (softened)
- 2 unbaked pie shells
- nutmeg (optional)



Husband and wife Bingo Team of 53 Years! Tom and Doris just moved to Las Vegas and wow do they love Bingo at **Green Valley Ranch!** They say the secret to a happy marriage is “She’s always right!”

KOVELS

Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Q: I’m looking for some advice on selling antique Coca-Cola items. I have some 1920s brown bottles, lithographed cardboard signs from 1948 to the 1950s, and mirrors from the 1970s to 1980s.

A: Coca-Cola syrup was invented by pharmacist Dr. John Stith Pemberton. The first glass of Coca-Cola was sold at a soda fountain in Atlanta in 1886. Coca-Cola has become one of the world’s most recognized brands. Thousands of Coca-Cola advertising items have been made and are popular collectibles today. There is even a club

for collectors, the Coca-Cola Collectors Club (website: cocacolaclub.org). Many items have been reproduced. Authentic memorabilia sells well in shops, online sites, and auctions. Check online sites to see what items like yours are selling for. There are auction houses that specialize in sales of bottles and auction Coca-Cola mirrors, signs and other items. Prices for rare items are high, but common signs, bottles and toys sell for less than \$100.

TIP: Don’t soak old ceramic pieces in water for a long time. Old repairs may be loosened.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Shippe



THE MIDDLETONS



Micro Crossword

Answer

P	H	I	S	H
R	E	N	T	A
I	N	G	O	T
D	R	O	N	E
E	I	D	E	R



by Bonnie Mitchell

Stop the Talk!

Dear Aunt Bingo,

My husband and I recently started going to Bingo after my sister said that it was an enjoyable experience. We looked into it and found several nearby. Not knowing what to expect the first time around, we showed up gung-ho and ready to learn and play.

Our first experience was a little bit of a struggle due to some people’s need to continuously talk and talk and talk! On one occasion, the Bingo caller pointed out some talkers and threatened to escort them out. Instead of them owning up to the disrespectful rule-breaking, they began arguing with the caller. My husband and I just shook our heads. Has it come to this? We are all over 18, so why become insulted and embarrassed when you are pointed out of the crowd. Geez, you’re an adult. You were blabbing your big mouth, were told to shut up, so apologize and shut up!

And let’s not forget about the phones. My phone has the vibrate function—why don’t they use theirs?

Following is Bingo etiquette my husband and I follow.

1. Pipe down and keep quiet.
 2. Watch out for lucky seats.
 3. Don’t be a parrot.
 4. Don’t take out your frustrations on the caller.
 5. Pay close attention to the game pattern.
 6. Think before you call out Bingo.
 7. Silence your cell phone.
 8. Be helpful and respectful.
- It was a pleasure learning about Bingo and how this daubing sport affects so many lives. So, why is it so hard to shut up, silence your phone, and enjoy Bingo respectfully?

—Just Saying, via e-mail

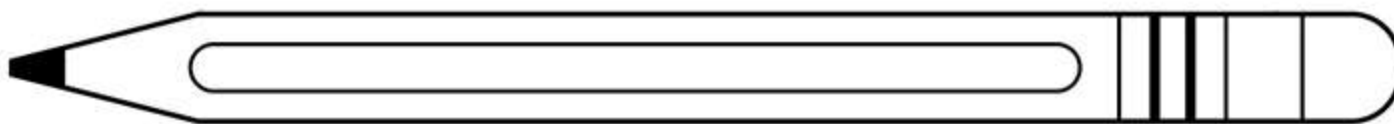
Dear Just Saying,

If they had a Bingo police squad, I definitely would put in your name for High Commissioner. Enforcement would certainly be thorough and absolute!

All kidding aside, I appreciate your email and certainly agree that at times the chit-chat at Bingo can get out of hand. I think many times it is unintentional...like when friends begin a quiet, whispered conversation that slowly gets louder and louder the longer it goes on. They don’t do it on purpose; they simply get engrossed in their discussion and forget there are others around.

Phones are another matter entirely. I mean, the motion picture industry has created short films and distributed them to movie theaters throughout North America begging people to silence their cell phones before the start of the show so that the ringing doesn’t disturb the rest of audience. Why? Because cell phones are loud, annoying, intrusive and distracting. (I’m still waiting for a film that asks people to turn off their illuminated phone screens in movie theaters, which bug me no end.)

So, Just Saying, I want to thank you for adding your thoughts to the ongoing debate over talking at Bingo. Maybe your email will help bring the volume down. —Aunt Bingo



Thanksgiving in September

“Fall: ladies know it as that beautiful time of year between boob sweat and frost bite.” —Pinterest.com

Sunday, September 22nd is the first day of Fall; goodbye and good riddance to summer. I will be celebrating that, as well as my older brother, David, who’s turning 81. He’s a bit of a curmudgeon but has staunchly defended me since childhood when we teamed up against our younger brother, Richard. We would leave Ritchie in tears when he wanted to accompany us on one of our adventures, but we thought he was too little to keep up. And besides that, he’d rat us out to our parents when we were being naughty.

David loves bingo and casinos as much as I do, and we’ve had many joint gambling adventures. In Vegas my husband would go to bed early while David and I pulled all-nighters, pounding the slots and video poker. We’re too old to do that now and we all go to bed with the chickens, or in my case, Robert the old rooster as I call my husband, lol.

Virgo is the birth sign for some born in September and their horoscope declares this to be their fortunate month; bringing good luck and favorable circumstances with them being in the right place at the right time to achieve abundant good fortune. So,

Virgos, go, go, go to bingo and win, win, win. Additionally, I suggest you wear red and green to maximize your good luck as I’ve done for years because these colors summon good luck. However, as my loyal readers know, I endure long losing streaks no matter what I wear, but I continue to believe that someday I will win the BIG one. Hope springs eternal.

Bet you didn’t know that September is Chicken Month with each average American eating 83 pounds of chicken per year. That reminds me of my grandma who lived with us during my childhood and took care of our chickens. As the two naughty children we were, David and I would grab one of grandma’s chickens and hypnotize it. That involved laying the chicken on its back and waving our fingers in front of its eyes causing it to pass out. We now realize how wrong that was, but in our defense, the chicken wasn’t hurt. It would come to itself, get up, and stagger around like a drunken sailor causing us to laugh hysterically, unlike grandma, who saw no humor in it at all. She would holler like the dickens at us, our parents would join in the cacophony, and little brother Richard, like the rat he was in those days, would smile with glee that we were in trouble. He has since reformed and David and I love him dearly.

Happy Thanksgiving on September 24th if you’re a Schwenkfelder. Schwenkfelders were German Protestants who relocated to Philadelphia and first observed Thanksgiving in September 1734. No crops had been planted so they thanked God with water, bread, butter, and apple butter. Schwenkfelder Thanksgiving is the oldest Thanksgiving event continuously observed in America. Our traditional Pilgrim Thanksgiving, November 1621, was not observed regularly and in fact was not a popular practice until President Lincoln made it a national holiday in 1863.

Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. And take your grandparents out to dinner and to play bingo on September 8, it’s Grandparent’s Day. Contact: nlpvzw6172@gmail.com

Lucky Lotto News

Lightning Can Strike Twice

A North Carolina man appears to have the Midas touch following his recent second lottery win—but instead of using the winnings solely for himself, he’s aiming to use the funds to help his community. John Robbins, from Wilmington, first won the lottery for \$2 million in May 2022. Now, he’s continuing his streak thanks to another win earlier this month for \$100,000—with both tickets purchased at the same location. Speaking with the North Carolina Education Lottery, Robbins said of the dual wins, “I was told lightning can’t strike twice but I guess it can.” As for how he plans to spend his second round of lottery winnings, Robbins told NC Education Lottery that his “dreams” include helping those who need it in his community. “My dream is to make a difference in Wilmington,” he said. “I want to give back to people here who are less fortunate. I want to do something to help change that.”

Father Daughter Wins

One Kentucky father and daughter have super luck. William Fannin, a retired teacher from Hazard, Ky., scored a \$50,000 prize after purchasing a Powerball ticket on May 13th. For the past 25 years, Fannin has purchased a Powerball ticket every week at the same store, but on May 13, he decided to stop at a Zip Zone instead. Fannin explained to Kentucky Lottery that when he went to scan the ticket, he was “mumb” when the number “came up \$50,000.” His win came as a surprise since his family already had luck with the lottery: three months earlier, William’s daughter Starla also scored her own lottery prize. In February, she won a \$150,438.47 prize after playing the Merry Money Bonus Jackpot Instant Play game online. “She was probably

more tickled than me,” William said of his daughter’s reaction to his win. “She was so excited!” William walked away with \$36,000 after taxes. He shared with Kentucky Lottery that he and Frieda do not have plans for their new chunk of change at the moment but said it will be put to good use since he retired from teaching in 2020.

All in the Family

A Cape Cod-based mother and son hit it big, winning a \$100,000 prize three times between them, using the same set of fortuitous numbers. Tricia Johnson, 59, a waitress in Falmouth, first tried her luck on March 22. After clocking out of her shift at Papa Jake’s, a local sports bar, she played her usual Keno numbers, per WBZ-TV. “I thought someone was messing with me,” she said of the moment when she realized she’d actually won \$100,000 in the game. On April 10, Johnson, who also works as a school bus driver, decided to try her hand again and played the same numbers—and lo and behold, they hit again. “It’s like lightning struck twice,” she told CBS Boston. “I woke my husband up and made him confirm that I was really looking at what I was looking at,” she recalled. That same day, it was her son John’s turn. When he tried his hand at his mom’s lucky Keno numbers, he too won \$100,000—and promptly bought himself a new Jeep, according to WBZ-TV. Johnson, whose husband is disabled, said she and her son “just laughed and cried and hugged” after their momentous triple win. She told CBS Boston she will use her money to help cover some of her family’s bills. The odds of matching all 10 numbers in the game are about 1 in 8,911,711, according to MassLottery.com.

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LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS



12 - 37 - 40 - 56 - 57 *8*

Andres Gonzalez (Spain) \$2 million, Brian Kim (U.S.) \$1.5 million, Joe Serock (U.S.) \$1.25 million, and Malo Latinois (France) \$1 million.

Breeze Offers New Direct Flights

Low-cost-carrier Breeze Airways has announced a new non-stop route between Las Vegas and New Orleans starting on February 5 of next year. Breeze will fly six roundtrips a week, one each on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday on Airbus A220-300s. The flights will leave LAS shortly before midnight and land at Louis Armstrong International in New Orleans at 6 a.m. It flies back at 8:30 p.m., landing at 10 o’clock. Fares haven’t been announced yet, but they’re expected to be competitive with Southwest, Spirit, and Frontier’s, the other airlines that fly direct between the two cities.

Belagio Expansion Planned

An article in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* reported that plans were submitted in July to county planners that call for “a dozen new retail spaces, several food and beverage outlets, and viewing spaces overlooking the fountains.” An MGM spokesperson told the R-J that no other details were available, but more news about the Belagio expansion should be forthcoming in the weeks and months ahead.

Verdict in VIP vs. Beau Rivage

The Biloxi Beau Rivage has won a civil case against a former VIP guest who wanted \$2.5 million in damages after claiming his hand was injured and he was humiliated when security handcuffed him and escorted him across the casino floor. The jury reached its verdict after three and one-half days at trial in U.S. District Court in Gulfport before Judge Taylor McNeel.

\$100,000 Bingo! EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

DOORS 12:00PM • GAMES 2:00PM

\$200

BUY-IN LOADS 1
ELECTRONIC UNIT
WITH 250 CARDS
(NO ADDITIONAL ELECTRONIC PACKS SOLD)

\$25

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

FOUR \$1,000
GUARANTEED COVERALLS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

\$5,000
GUARANTEED DOUBLE ACTION
CONSOLATION

Must Be Validated to Win

Wish Ball

Every Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday
in September at the 1pm, 3pm,
7pm, & 9pm Sessions

BINGO ON B-9 **\$1,000**
BINGO ON ANY NUMBER
ENDING IN 9 **\$500**

In addition to regular game prize payout. Must be validated to win.

SOUTH POINT
BINGO

FOUR \$1,000 COVERALLS
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7PM SESSION / SUNDAY 1PM & 3PM SESSIONS
THREE \$1,000 COVERALLS
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 9PM SESSION

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