



BINGO BUGLE

North America's Bingo & Casino Newspaper

WE'RE BACK!

Announcing the return of the Bingo Bugle: Southern California Edition

The Bugle is back! Our publication has been on hiatus due to the pandemic, but we are excited to be back to serve your communities. We look forward to keeping you updated on the latest bingo news and all the fun games happening in your local area, serving Los Angeles, Orange County, San Bernardino and Riverside. We also invite you to visit our new website at bingo4fun.com where you can find a digital copy of our latest issue of the Bugle, and more information on your favorite places to play. We are so happy to see bingo thriving again. Good luck, bingo lovers! Hope to see you soon on the front cover of the Bingo Bugle.

Morongo Named Best Casino in Southland by Los Angeles Times Readers

Morongo Casino Resort & Spa tops the list of Southern California casinos in newspaper's 2022 Best of the Southland Readers' Choice poll

MORONGO CASINO RESORT & SPA - Citing its beautifully renovated suites and rooms, its "deselectable dining choices" and its mix of thrilling gaming, Los Angeles Times readers have named the Morongo Casino Resort & Spa as the Best Casino in the Southland, according to recently-released survey results. The newspaper's 2022 Best of the Southland Readers' Choice poll employed an exhaustive nomination and voting process that engaged readers across Southern California who named the towering 27-story gaming hot spot as the area's best casino in the poll's Entertainment & Living category. Expanded in 2020, Morongo boasts one of

the largest gaming floors in California. "We can't thank our guests enough for this wonderful distinction as the Southland's best casino," said Richard St. Jean, Morongo's Chief Operating Officer. "Nothing is better than receiving an award that's determined by the ultimate judge - our guests. We'll continue to go above and beyond to exceed expectations - it's who we are what makes Morongo great." In its rankings of the best casinos, the Best of the Southland survey noted Morongo's elegant amenities also includes the highly-rated Oasis Pool which features a lazy river and secluded VIP casinos for the ultimate resort

\$5,000 JACKPOT



Congratulations to Colleen, all smiles after winning the Plaza Bonanza's Jackpot for \$5,000! Plaza plays daily on the odd hours from 11am to 9pm.



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CASINO MORONGO BINGO

FEBRUARY

\$20 PAPER BUY-IN PLAYED 5 DAYS A WEEK!!!
EARLY BIRDS PAY \$125
REGULAR SESSION PAYS \$250

ALL IN WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, & SUNDAY

\$65' BUY-IN with [BINGO]
(36 Cards)

1-2-3 Warm Up's Paying \$500
Early Birds Paying \$250
Regular Games Pay \$500
Double Action (cons \$500)
Pick a Pet Jackpot (cons \$500)
\$2,500 Super Bonanza Jackpot
Pick 8 Jackpot 20# or less \$5,000 (cons \$500)

HIGH STAKES THURSDAY & SATURDAY

\$65' BUY-IN with [BINGO]
(36 Cards)

**1-2-3 Warm Up's Paying \$500
Early Birds Pay \$500
10 Regular Games \$1199
Double Action (cons \$500)
**\$2# or less Pick a Pet Jackpot
**\$2,500 Super Bonanza Jackpot
**Pick 8 Jackpot 20# or less \$5,000 (cons \$1199)

BONUS GAMES DAILY!

TELEVISION PICKS & SPECIALS
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PICK 8

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SUNDAY
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88-500

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SUNDAY
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WARM UP

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SUNDAY
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SATURDAY, FRIDAY & SUNDAY

PROGRESSIVE BINGO DAILY!

MORONGO BALL

You could win the progressive Morongo Ball Jackpot for \$5. Morongo Ball increases \$100 every day it is not won.

HOT BALL

Win the Hotball progressive Jackpot for \$5. Hotball increases \$50 every time it is called and not won.

*Hotball and Morongo Ball numbers come from the same number. If the date is the same as the first number drawn, the second number will determine the Hotball number. One Morongo Ball per day.
Riverside-Morongo 2023

****\$2,500 SUPER BONANZA JACKPOT WITH A CHANCE TO WIN!**
(CONSOLATION \$500) 60 CARDS FOR \$10.00**
**\$2 OR LESS PICK A PET JACKPOT \$2 NUMBERS OR LESS WINS \$500 AND AS A BONUS THE WINNER GETS TO PICK-APET CHANCE AT \$199 (PICK-APET WINNERS WILL BE CONSOLATED TO \$199)
60 CARDS FOR \$10.00 with [BINGO]
20# OR LESS \$5,000 (CONSOLATION \$1,199)
10 LINES FOR \$10.00 with [BINGO]

WEDNESDAY'S GOOD NEIGHBOR MONEY WHEEL WIN \$250 CASH!
Spinners get a Single Winner!
On our Wednesday good neighbor money wheel for a chance at up to \$250 CASH! Left or right winner determined by caller draw.
Riverside-Morongo 2023

Love is in the Air

*1-2-3 Warm Up's Paying \$500 | **\$2# or less Pick a Pet Jackpot
**\$2,500 Super Bonanza Jackpot | **Pick 8 Jackpot 20# or less \$5,000 (cons \$1,199)
PLUS- 20 Strip Tab drawings for a fully loaded machine & 5 Valentine's Day pop giveaways (1-High Stop, Good Times Cafe and Sage Spa for 2)

MINI SPECIAL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

\$75' BUY IN (36 CARDS) with [BINGO]

DOORS 3PM | 1ST GAME 6PM

15 Games \$1,000 | Double Action (cons \$500)
**1-2-3 Warm Up's Paying \$500 | **\$2# or less Pick a Pet Jackpot
**\$2,500 Super Bonanza Jackpot | **Pick 8 Jackpot 20# or less \$5,000 (cons \$1,199)
PLUS- 20 Strip Tab drawings for a fully loaded machine & 5 Valentine's Day pop giveaways (1-High Stop, Good Times Cafe and Sage Spa for 2)

WED - SAT - DOORS 3PM • 1ST GAME 6PM | SUN - DOORS 11AM • 1ST GAME 2PM
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Vegas' Top Ten Values for February

- 1. Room Rates - Binion's Gambling Hall & Hotel - \$40 and up**
- 2. Steak Dinner - El Estanido Casino - 24 Hours - \$9.99**
- 3. Buffet - South Point - \$11 & \$95-141.95**
- 4. 1 Beer - Stage Door Casino and Lounge - 24 Hours - \$1.00**
- 5. Illuminate - Illuminate-Tues-Sun - \$43/\$54**
- 6. Hot Dog - South Point - Daily - \$1.50**
- 7. \$1 Blackjack - OYO - Daily - \$1.20**
- 8. Shrimp Cocktail - Fremont - Daily - \$0.99**
- 9. Prime Rib - El Estanido Casino - Daily - \$21.99**
- 10. Hamburger - Binion's Gambling Hall & Hotel - \$7.49**

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1 Grand prize: Restored 1971 Toyota 4100 Land Cruiser and a \$1,000 Orvis gift card (\$31,000)

10 First prizes: (one prize per month) \$100 Orvis gift card

To enter: On a plain paper, print your name, ad-dress, e-mail address (if any), phone number, and age. Mail to #110 envelope. Only two entries per person. Mail to:

RacingJunk.com
Manufacture Vermont USA 05254-0798
Deadline: Postmarked by 3/31/23 and received by 4/14/23.

Open to legal U.S. residents 18 or over, void in RI. Start date 6/1/22. Drawing 6/15/23. Entries also not in orvis.com roadshow.

RacingJunk.com 2022 Borowski Engine Giveaway

1 Grand prize: 700 HP/15.5 Gal. Hydraulic-Roller, 1.5" street engine (\$17,495)

To enter: On a standard size postcard, print your name, e-mail address, address, and phone number. **Only one entry per person.**

Mail to:
RacingJunk.com 2022 Borowski Engine Giveaway
106 Main Street
North Adams, MA 01047
Deadline: Postmarked by 11/30/23.

Open to legal residents of the 48 contiguous states 18 or over. Start date 10/24/22. Drawing 12/23/23. Entries only online at www.racingjunk.com/contest_giveaway.

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TODAY

by Henry Tambarin

Casino 101 Quiz

Quizzes are fun and a pretty easy way to determine how much you really know about a subject. So, give me a try because you have nothing to lose and maybe some knowledge to gain.

QUESTIONS:

- (1) When the blackjack dealer deals suit 17, help the player. True or false?
- (2) Always take even money in blackjack because it's one of the few sure bets in the casino. True or false?
- (3) What is the "unmentionable" number in craps?
- (4) Caribbean Stud Poker has a unique dealer-qualifying rule. What is it?
- (5) You lose the edge on every bet you make with a gambling roulette. True or false?
- (6) It's possible to get an overall return that exceeds 100% when you play video poker.
- (7) You should never split 8s when the dealer shows a strong 9, 10 or ace upcard. True or false?
- (8) About 60% of your losses are losers when you play Let It Ride. True or false?
- (9) There is one thing you must absolutely do before you can start to earn slot points for comps at the casino. What is it?
- (10) You can cash out your roulette chips at the casino cashier. True or false?

Divas ON A DIME

By Paul Diamond



Cheers!

We're going to explore infusing vodka with fruits and herbs.

Unfortunately, you will see flavored vodkas on liquor store shelves, but have you ever thought of making your own infused vodka? Not only is it very inexpensive, but you get to add ingredients and flavors and herbs to absolutely control over the goodness.

It's surprisingly easy to do. All you need is a large, wide-mouth glass jar with an airtight lid (not plastic, unless you're making plastic-flavored vodka), a fine mesh strainer, clean cloth or coffee filter, and a funnel. Save empty vodka bottles to refill with your infused creations later. Of course, you'll need vodka and ingredients in advance, but we'll get to that in a moment.

First, I'd like to share how to make cheap vodka taste more like top shelf vodka. There is no sense in paying for top shelf vodka for our purpose. The secret is filtering vodka with a cheap activated water filter, like a Brita or PUR brand filter pitcher. Just designate a new liter exclusively for our purpose, because you won't want to use it for water after you use it for vodka. Activate the new filter, as per manufacturer instructions, then drain

the water. Proceed by pouring the vodka through the filter just as you would water. You'll want to run it through several times. If it does seem to be the charm.

Will this method fool a sophisticated taster into thinking it's top shelf? Nope. Will it improve the results when infused or mixed in a cocktail? Absolutely.

How to infuse vodka - Into a clean glass jar with a lid, place your infusion ingredients, top off with vodka and close lid. Shake the jar daily, infuse for 12 hours to 7 days. Different ingredients require different amounts of time to infuse, and then there's adjustment to your personal taste.

Here are guidelines below, but taste your infusion every day until you're satisfied with the flavor. You may laugh, but somebody's got to do it.

When you're happy with the flavor, strain the vodka through a fine mesh strainer into a clean bottle or jar. Immediately or store in a cool, dark place for 10 to 12 months.

To sweeten your infusions, simply add simple syrup (please don't buy it! Make it). It's called simple syrup for a reason. In a saucepan, simmer equal parts sugar and water until the sugar has dissolved. Here are some ideas to get you started.

THE SPOTS

1. BEST ADDRESS - I don't know

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ANSWERS:

- (1) FALSE. Blackjack games that specify winners must hit all 17s, including a soft 17, give the house an extra 0.2% edge over the player (compared to standing on 17). This rule favors the house, not the player.
- (2) FALSE. Even though getting the guaranteed 1 to 1 even money payoff seems like a good idea, in the long run you'll average more (roughly a 1 to 4 to 1 payoff) from the reason you're getting better money.
- (3) SEVEN. Don't even think about saying "seven" because the reason you're getting better money is that this unmentionable number calls right-betters to lose point rolls. Players will refer to it as "Big Red".
- (4) DEALER MUST HAVE ACE-KING or HIGHER. This rule also frustrates most players because if the dealer doesn't qualify a player does not win a bonus payoff regardless of how good a hand he has.
- (5) TRUE. No matter if it's Matchplay, bonus blackjack, or a free ace coupon, you will have the best of it whenever you use the coupon.
- (6) FALSE. It's possible to get returns over 100% by playing video poker skillfully, learning playing full pay machines and taking advantage of cash back, bounce back, and comps.
- (7) FALSE. A 16 is the worst blackjack hand you'll face. But by splitting you can convert this hand into two better hands which have better odds of winning. For example, if you have 16 and the dealer's 8's in the long run but you'll lose less compared to playing one hand of 16 against a dealer's 9, 10 or ace.
- (8) FALSE. You're actually standing to lose 76% of your bets. You can't win more, but not all of your losses on the bets you lose. You can win because about 8% pay more than even money. However, overall the house keeps more money than players win and maintains a healthy 3.5% advantage.
- (9) DON'T HIT THE SLOT CLUB. You can't earn points for your slot (or video poker) play unless you play the casino's slot club and insert the card into the machine's card reader when you play the slot.
- (10) FALSE. Roulette chips cannot be converted to cash at the cashier; do not leave the table with your chips. You can only take to casino chips at the roulette table where you are playing.

HERBY VODKA

1 to 2 cups berries - strawberries, blackberries or raspberries, or a combination
3 to 4 cups of vodka

Wash berries and roughly chop. Add to vodka and infuse for three to seven days. Sweeten to taste.

CITRUS VODKA

2 cups lemons, limes, oranges or grapefruit, or a combination
2 cups vodka

Wash and slice fruit then add to vodka. Infuse for three to seven days. Sweeten to taste.

CRANBERRY LIME VODKA

1 cup chopped cranberries
Juice and zest of one lime
3 cups vodka

Add fruit to vodka. Infuse for one to two days. Sweeten to taste.

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HERBED VODKA

1 or 2 large sprigs of basil or another favorite herb (dill, mint, sage, tarragon, etc.)
3 cups of vodka

Combine the herbs with vodka for two to seven days, tasting frequently. Strain with one or two mesh mason jars or another fine mesh strainer.

CITRUS VODKA

2 cups lemons, limes, oranges or grapefruit, or a combination
2 cups vodka

Wash and slice fruit then add to vodka. Infuse for three to seven days. Sweeten to taste.

CRANBERRY LIME VODKA

1 cup chopped cranberries
Juice and zest of one lime
3 cups vodka

Add fruit to vodka. Infuse for one to two days. Sweeten to taste.

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Sweet on Sweet Potatoes

Dear Annie, Well, we had a miracle at our Thanksgiving dinner. My children tried the sweet potato casserole and loved it. Now I would like to make it for my mother-in-law and my sweetie. Can you send me some recipes? *Ashleigh W. from Denver, Colorado*

Dear Ashleigh, Congratulations on creating new favorite foods for your children! I have two recipes that are not necessary easy to make, but hopefully the children will like them. Good luck! —Annie

SWEET POTATO MUFFINS

3/4 cup cooked fresh sweet potatoes, mashed
1/4 cup margarine or butter
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup flour

2 tablespoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup pecans, finely chopped
1-2 tablespoons cinnamon sugar

Pure the sweet potatoes in a blender or food processor. Cream the margarine and sugar in a large bowl. Add the sweet potatoes and milk. Mix the flour, baking powder and salt and add this mix alternately with the milk and pecans until just thickened, do not overmix. Add full sized ground muffin mix. Completely sprinkle tops with cinnamon sugar. Bake at 400 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Makes about 2 to 1/2 dozen muffins.

STUFFED SWEET POTATOES

6 medium sweet potatoes
vegetable oil
2 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
1 1/2 x ounce cranial pineapple in its own juice, drained
1/2 teaspoon salt

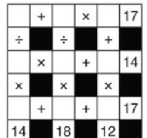
1/4 cup onion, finely chopped
1/4 cup minced marshmallows
1/3 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Scrub the potatoes, rub well with oil. Pierce with a fork. Bake until soft to pressure (about one hour). Let cool slightly. Skin potatoes, half lengthwise, carefully scoop out the potato, leaving the skin intact. Mash the potato until smooth, blend in the margarine, pineapple, orange juice concentrate and the salt. Stir in the marshmallows or overnight. Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Bake uncovered for 30 minutes. Sprinkle with the marshmallows. Continue baking until the marshmallows are melted (about five to seven minutes). Makes 12 servings.

Your comments and questions about cooking and entertaining will be addressed in this monthly column. Write to "Ask Annie" c/o Annie Ems, 17001 SE '94 Circle, Silverton, CO 81166. So Ask Annie. Don't forget you can e-mail me at annie@askannie.com. Add \$3 per copy of getting.

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 circles. The numbers below the diagram are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.



DIFFICULTY: ★

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STICKLEBERRS

by Terry Stickleberr

The following words share an interesting characteristic.

What is it?

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DOLVOG
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Unravel these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (e.g. **HAGNEC** becomes **HATER**). Prepare to use any ONE word from any material. If 1 letter string is each unrecognizable, then use one word (e.g. **RATHE** becomes **CHANGE** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

Poker Talk

Pocket Aces is the Best Hand in Poker, but Getting Them Doesn't Mean You'll Win

By Chad Halloway

Poker aces is the best starting hand in poker. The odds of being dealt pocket aces are 1 in 221, so looking down at bullets is a rare occasion. On top of that, just because you have the granddaddy of all hands doesn't mean you're going to win. You see, pocket aces can be both a blessing and a curse.

Case in point is a hand from the 2002 World Poker Tour (WPT) "Rock 'n Roll" Poker Open \$5,300 Championship, a tournament that attracted 1,541 entrants to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino in South Florida. Just 25 players remained and each was guaranteed \$15,000 in prize money. In level 34 (25,000/50,000), Collypy continued from the gun only to have to follow pro Jim Colluppio's raise to 255,000 from the button. Both blinds folded and Wilson called to see a flop of Kc-Kd-Qc, which he promptly checked.

Collypy continued from the flop and then called when Wilson woke up with a check-raise to 350,000. After the dealer burned and turned the 10c, Wilson moved all-in and pro Collypy, who had the shorter stack, to the test for his tournament life.

Collypy thought long and hard before calling off his remaining 785,000 with the Ace-Ad and discovered the hand was when Wilson rolled over the Ah-Kh for nips. King. It was a bad beat as pro Collypy was an 87.23% favorite to win but Wilson had just won 11.51% chance of coming from behind.

However, after the flop, the script was flipped as Wilson became an 89.8% favorite while Collypy worked out just 8.89% of the time. By the time the chips were on the turn, Wilson needed either ace case to win or a jack to drop and had a meanly 2.27% chance of getting paid.

It didn't happen though as the 10rd placed the board on the river to improve Wilson to a full house. Just like that, Collypy's run came to an unceremonious end.

Simon "New Jersey" Frank Fanuro experienced the pain of cracked aces a short time prior. In level 21 at \$5,000/25,000/50,000, he raised from the hijack with pocket aces and Jakob Paalik moved all-in for around 1.3 million from the button. Both blinds folded. Fanuro made the easy call and Paalik sheepishly showed six sixes.

He had been caught with his hand in the cookie jar, but Lady Luck smiled upon him as six appeared on the flop followed by a four on the turn. Paalik made two pair to overcome the aces of Fanuro, who was left short for a six second time later in 48th place for \$165,000.

The lesson here is to remember that while pocket aces are the best starting hand in poker, they are not the best hand to play big pots when you have them, you're not guaranteed to win. All you can do is play them to the best of your ability and hope for the best.

Chad Halloway is a 2013 World Series of Poker bracelet winner and executive editor of *For the Win*. Follow him on Twitter @ChadHalloway.

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Gaming News

Americans Bet Big on Soccer

Goodly profits, good returns, compliance, and anti-fraud company for online sports books, reports that the Super Bowl was the second most wagered-on sporting event of 2022. Only the Super Bowl exceeded more wagers than any other event for a single event. Upwards of 7.9 million individual bets were made on the Final of U.S. sports books, well more than can be the NFL Finals (\$1.6 million), March Madness Finals (4.8 million) and the NHL Stanley Cup Final (1.9 million). The 1.7 million unique user accounts from which wagers were placed on the World Cup Final were also second only to the Super Bowl's 2.1 million.

Waldorf Astoria at Crystal Bay

Illinois has announced that Waldorf Astoria brand will replace the vintage Millenium in Crystal City, Illinois, on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. The 76-year-old Millenium closed last April and is scheduled to be demolished in the spring. The Waldorf Astoria will be built on the same property, with guest rooms and 61 hand-branded residences. It will feature an "upscale" casino, according to the announcement, as well as several food and beverage outlets, including a posh restaurant and a lounge. Peacock Alley, named for the one at the original Waldorf Astoria in New York City. There will also be a "community grove" with shopping and more restaurants, a spa and fitness facility and access to a three-acre lakefront beach club. The property is expected to open sometime in 2027.

Slots Q&A

Tax Tips - Part I

If you are lucky enough to win some cash from the slots, or any bet, don't forget that Uncle Sam wants his cut, too. You need to run and record your winnings. Look for Part II next month!

(1) **You Have to Report All Your Winnings.** Whether you win \$5 or \$50,000 from the track, an office pool, a casino or a gambling website, all gambling winnings must be reported on your tax returns as "other income" on Schedule 1 (1040-SS). If you win a prize, such as a car or a trip, report its fair market value as income. And, please, make sure you report all your gambling winnings. If you win \$500, report \$500. The IRS is hunting for online slot-machine winners, but you still don't want to get yourself in a tax catch.

(2) **You Might Get a Form W-2G Generally,** you'll receive an IRS Form W-2G if your gambling winnings are at least \$600 and the payout is at least 300 times the amount of your wager. The thresholds are \$1,200 for bingo or slot machine winnings, \$1,500 for keno winnings and \$5,000 for poker (non-cash) winnings. Large payoffs doesn't have to be 300 times the wager for these types of winnings. Your reportable winnings will be listed in Box 1 of the W-2G form.

If you're required, the payer (sports betting, parlor, casino, racetrack, lottery, etc.) will need to see two forms of identification. One of them must be a photo ID. You'll also have to provide your Social Security number, or if you have one, an individual taxpayer identification number.

In some cases, you'll get the W-2G on the spot. Otherwise, for this year's winnings, the paper must send the form

Steve Wynn Sells Off Homes

A detailed article on MansionGlobal.com reports that Steve Wynn is continuing to liquidate his assets. He has sold a house of a "huge swath of real estate," around \$100 million in total, for more than \$300 million. Wynn sold his Las Vegas mansion, which he bought for \$13 million in 2018 after he was asked to leave his job on the Wynn Resort golf course, for \$17.5 million last June. He dropped the asking price from \$25 million after it sat on the market awhile. The 11-bedroom home he bought in Valley, Idaho, for \$27 million, as well as the next in a string of beachside-located residences in Malibu, where he lives, for \$78.5 million, and a New York City penthouse for \$90 million.

Big Black Winnie in AZ

Arizona's present resident hit jackpot with \$1,000,075 while playing a blackjack at Gil River Low-Bank Casino. Chandler is the largest table-game casino in Arizona history. The new King of Card-table game progressive banks 73 table games at all three Gil River casinos. Resettling at \$1 million, the "big" table game progressive blackjack in the state. The player was down to his last hand when he bet \$15, \$5 on the announcement.

Illegal Gambling in the Trillions

A recent report issued by the American Gaming Association estimates that illegal gambling is a \$511 billion business in the U.S., costing legal operators \$44.2 billion in the 36 states where casino gambling is legal. The study was based on a poll of nearly 300 U.S. adults concerning their gambling habits in the past year. Both legal and illegal.

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