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\$58,528 DUAL DAUB JACKPOT



Robert W., a local Arizona Charlie's player, won a Double Progressive 'Dual Daub' bingo jackpot during the 11 a.m. session on Valentine's Day, hitting 34 numbers to claim an impressive \$58,528! [See full article on page 17]

\$6,114 CASHBALL



Scott won the 9pm cashball at **Palace Station** on February 12th for \$6,114. Scott and Bingo love Station Casinos and ALL bingo rooms! Congratulations, Scott!

\$2,204 BIRTHDAY WIN!



Birthday girl, Frances R. won the Big Bingo New Years Eve \$2,204 Dollar Game! Birthday, Bingo and New Year's Eve! What a day at **The Plaza**!



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refrigerated and frozen foods. The general rule is about 4 hours before you need to prepare to throw away food... but some items might be more resilient than others.

My mother would always say "when in doubt, throw it out", which is still good advice, but with the cost of groceries these days, it would be nice if you could salvage some foods and cause less waste after a power outage.

I've always found sound advice from FoodSafety.gov. I've printed out sheets about food safety, advice on how long you can freeze fresh foods, and safe cooking temperatures for meats. I tape these on the inside of my cabinet doors for convenient access.

FoodSafety.gov also reports on current food recalls and outbreaks, cold food storage charts for the refrigerator as well as the freezer. If you're not sure how long to keep frozen ground beef, or fish, or chicken, that information is there. Food categories from processed foods to fresh vegetables can be found on the chart.

Keep your hands clean, store foods at their appropriate temperatures, cook foods at their advised temperatures, maintain a clean and sanitary preparation area, and you could be saving yourself and loved ones from getting a terrible case of food poisoning. I've been there, and it is most unpleasant.

Happy cooking! Eat your greens.

Food Safety Tips

Healthy eating means more than managing calories or choosing a balanced diet of nutrient-rich foods. The best healthy eating plans also involve safe food handling, cooking, and storage practices that help prevent food poisoning and foodborne illness.

A multi-hour power outage is just one example of when we need to reassess our

ANIMAL CRACKERS

By Fred Wagner



QUESTIONS

1. What driver won his third career NASCAR Cup Series season title with a victory in the 2024 championship race at Phoenix Raceway?
2. Nicknamed "King Fish," what 1993 American League Rookie of the Year played his entire Major League Baseball career with the Angels organization from 1992-2006?
3. A new world record for women's sports attendance was set in August 2023 when a crowd of 92,003 filled Nebraska's Memorial Stadium to watch what event?
4. At what athletic and cultural festival do participants perform feats of strength like the caber toss, keg toss, sheaf toss and stone put?
5. Name the two teams who compete in the "Farmageddon" college football rivalry game.
6. What American figure skater, who won three straight pairs U.S. championships from 1970-72, was married to Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw from 1976-83?
7. What women's professional three-on-three basketball league, founded in 2023, includes teams Laces BC, Lunar Owls BC, Mist BC and Vinyl BC?

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a healthy 50-year-old man. When I was at the pharmacy recently, they said I could get a vaccine for pneumonia. Is this something I should do? — S.I.

ANSWER: The pneumonia vaccine at age 50 is a new recommendation by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The risk for developing severe pneumonia from the bacteria *Streptococcus pneumoniae* starts to increase at age 50 and becomes much higher after 65. The new vaccines (PCV20 and PCV21 under the brand name Prevnar) have long-lasting protection for many strains of this bacterial species.

If you haven't had this vaccine and are over 50, you should consider it during your next visit. (It's OK to get the vaccine at the same time as the flu or COVID vaccines.)

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.

ANSWERS

1. Joey Logano.
2. Tim Lincecum.
3. Nebraska vs. Omaha in an NCAA women's volleyball match.
4. Scottish Highland games.
5. The Iowa State Cyclones and Kansas State Wildcats.
6. JoJo Starbuck.
7. Unrivaled.



Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

* In Switzerland, it is illegal to mow a front lawn while dressed as Elvis Presley.

* Red Bull energy drink was originally called Red Water Buffalo.

* There was a Russian game show that would have you steal a car, and if you didn't get caught by the police within 35 minutes, you'd win the car. Otherwise, you would be arrested.

* Benjamin Franklin invented a mechanical arm for reaching books on high shelves.

* When English Romantic poet William Blake was only 4 years old he claimed to see God through a window. Throughout the rest of his life, Blake said he often communed with angels, and he incorporated these visions into his art.

* Sulfhemoglobinemia is a condition that causes a person to develop green blood.

* Translated literally, the Japanese words for wrist and ankle are "hand neck" and "foot neck."

* In 2015, two brothers from Spain attempted to sell a fake portrait by Francisco de Goya to a sheikh for a cool 1.5 million euros, only to discover that he'd paid them in photocopied money. The pair were arrested when they tried to deposit their ill-gotten gains in a Geneva bank.

* A study done by the University of Glasgow found that dogs appear to prefer reggae and soft rock over other genres of music.

* The first mention of the word "pizza" was in a Latin text written in southern Italy in 997 CE.

* The eponymous character in Dolly Parton's hit song "Jolene" was based on a bank teller who flirted mercilessly with Dolly's husband.

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HOLLYWOOD
by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Angela Lansbury's legacy, *Murder, She Wrote* (1984-1996), which is still endlessly shown on several cable stations, will be resurrected as a film starring Oscar winner Jamie Lee Curtis. Curtis is currently in the surprise hit *The Last Showgirl*, starring *Baywatch* babe Pamela Anderson.

Curtis, who recently added an Emmy to her trophy room for her work in the series *The Bear*, wrapped filming for James L. Brooks' comedy *Ella McCay* on May 3, 2024. The film also stars Emma Mackey, Woody Harrelson, and Albert Brooks. In addition, Curtis finished *Freakier Friday* on Aug. 21, 2024. She is now set to shoot the dark-comedy series *The Sticky* with Margo Martindale and Amazon Prime Video's *Scarpatta* with Nicole Kidman. This should keep her busy until Halloween!

Two-time Oscar winner Tom Hanks' hopes were dashed after reteaming with his *Forrest Gump*, *Cast Away*, and *The Polar Express* director Robert Zemeckis in *Here* (co-starring Robin Wright). It failed to become a blockbuster with a cost of \$50 million and only a \$13.4 million gross. He'll try again with his *Asteroid City* director Wes Anderson in *The Phoenix Scheme*, along with stars Benicio del Toro, Michael Cera, Bill Murray, Benedict Cumberbatch and Scarlett Johansson.

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Veterans Post



New Presumptives Added to the List

In January the Department of Veterans Affairs added several illnesses to its list of presumptives, courtesy of the PACT Act. Done in two batches, the new additions to the list make it easier for veterans to get the care they need without the dragged-out process of proving that where they were stationed was the cause of their current condition. The illnesses are now considered service-connected, which gives veterans free health care for those conditions.

The first batch of conditions included urinary bladder, ureter and related genitourinary cancers. The second batch included acute and chronic leukemias, multiple myelomas, and myelodysplastic syndromes and myelofibrosis.

Locations matter, and these presumptives are covered for veterans who served in Somalia, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea or the Red Sea on or after Aug. 2, 1990.

After 9/11, the covered locations are for those who served in Afghanistan, Iraq, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen or Uzbekistan.

K2 veterans, you haven't been forgotten. In fact, those serving at Karshi-Khanabad have been recipients of a major push by the VA to get you the health benefits you should have. A recent VA news release says that of the 16,000 K2 veterans, 13,000 are enrolled in VA care. Of those, 11,800 have at least one service connected condition, with the average having 14.6 service-connected conditions.

If you're K2 — and even if you aren't — and haven't signed up for health care, call the VA at 1-800-MYVA411 (800-698-2411). Get the benefits you're supposed to have.

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=		=		=				
4		16		10				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Boggle BrainBusters!

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 once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE

- 3 letters = 1 point
- 4 letters = 2 points
- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 6 points
- 8 letters = 10 points
- 9 letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING

- 151+ = Champ
- 101-150 = Expert
- 61-100 = Pro
- 31-60 = Gamer
- 21-30 = Rookie
- 11-20 = Amateur
- 0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them? Find AT LEAST 11 WORDS STARTING WITH "AB" in the grid of letters.

E	D	A	T	O
P	V	A	R	B
R	O	L	B	B
B	U	S	E	A
A	P	T	N	T

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. Fancy dress	— R — — —	Shepherd's herd	— L — — —
2. Friendly specter	— — S — — —	Tent dweller	— — M — —
3. "Nevermore" bird	R — — — —	Refuge	H — — — —
4. Godfather Marlon	— — — — O — —	"Moesta" star	— — — — Y — —
5. Georgia's fruit	— — A — —	Roost	— — R — —
6. The very edge	— — — N — —	— and-mortar	— — C — —
7. Bride	— — L — —	Alice's mad friend	— — T — —
8. Light breeze	— — A — —	Wander aimlessly	— — I — —
9. Yellow belly	C — — — —	Stern or Hughes	H — — — —
10. Welcome warmly	— — — — T — —	Like a lime	— — — — N — —

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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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FEAR KNIGHT
By: rj johnson

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▼EWRA

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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NEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

Million Dollar Bingo

A Winnipeg woman claimed Canada's largest Bingo Millions jackpot of \$1 million at Club Regent Casino last year, without even realizing she was the latest member of the millionaire's club. "The lady sitting beside me said, 'You just won a million.' I was like, no way and she's like, 'Yes you did.' Then I was surrounded by workers like I robbed the place, which I kinda did," Monica Bouma joked. "It still hasn't sunk in yet."

Bouma and her boyfriend were at Club Regent to play bingo and Bingo Millions and to get an early start celebrating her upcoming birthday. "He'd never played bingo, so he said, 'Since you like playing, you can teach me.' He was expecting a beginner's lesson, not an expert one," Bouman joked. "I looked at my screen and it showed two numbers away (from a bingo). The next two numbers were mine and I'm like, 'I got a bingo.'"

Bouma is looking forward to taking life a bit easier and spending more time with her daughter. Monica won the \$1-million jackpot by covering her Bingo Millions card in the first 47 numbers or less. The game is only available in Canada at the Casinos of Winnipeg, which was the first Canadian property to offer it in December 2022.

Shake it Off at Bingo!

Here's a fun idea for a themed Bingo night: Taylor Swift Music Bingo. A bingo in Schrewsbury, Massachusetts recently announced a special themed game with an

advertisement that stated: "It will be a chilly evening, so bundle up with your red scarf or cardigan and join us at Taylor Swift Music Bingo. Sing along to your favorite hits while enjoying light refreshments, making friendship bracelets, and bonding with fellow Swifties. Feel free to come dressed as your favorite Era—whether you're channeling Fearless, 1989, or Midnights. It's a night you won't want to shake off!" This is a great idea to attract people of all ages to come out and play bingo.

Illegal Operator Boasts Online

The Kansspelautoriteit (KSA), the Dutch Gaming Regulator, sanctioned a Facebook user in the Netherlands for advertising and operating illegal games of bingo. While the identity of the individual hadn't been made public at press time, they were described as running a Facebook page called "Baco's zaalbingo" where they were selling tickets to bingo games and bingo booklets. Many of these games were held via livestream on the Facebook page. Not only did the Facebook account holder not have a license, but the prizes were "far above the maximum allowed by the law." Bingo games can only be offered by associations that have existed for at least three years, yet the operator admitted on Facebook that he's been doing it since 2022 and is not licensed. He is also not acting on behalf of any charities, as the proceeds benefit him directly. If he continues to offer bingo he may face penalties of €13,125 per bingo with a maximum of €131,250.



Midwinter gardening tasks



Even in winter, there are plenty of things you can do to prepare for the busy spring ahead:

- Clean your patio or deck.
- Keep your gutters cleared out.
- Check any coverings, stakes, supports and ties that might have become damaged.
- Start researching and getting quotes for your biggest upcoming projects.
- Inspect and reinforce any fences and boundaries to ensure they are secure.
- Provide bird feeders, both hanging and ground feeders, filled with a variety of seeds, nuts, and suet. - Brenda Weaver

Source: hortlands.co.uk

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Add Roasted Vegetables to Your Meal Planning

As a kid growing up in California, most of the vegetables I ate (with the exception of steamed artichokes and corn on the cob in the summer) came from a can. Mom was a good cook, but even she would later admit that there wasn't a lot of veggie appeal on our plates.

During my college years, stir-fried vegetables were the rage. I bought a wok, took a class on basic Chinese cooking techniques, and discovered a new world of tastes! Served over brown rice and topped with cashews or sesame seeds, these plates of deliciousness are prepared in no time flat.

While stir-fried meals are still part of our family menus, we love oven-roasted vegetables to balance out a meal. Easy to prepare on a sheet pan and appetizing to look at in an array of colors, the mostly root vegetables cook up crisp on the outside and tender in the middle, often with a sweet intense flavor. Here's my basic recipe:

ROASTED VEGETABLES

Serves 6-8

- 1 medium sweet potato, peeled
- 2 carrots, peeled
- 1 pound Brussels sprouts, halved lengthwise
- 1 red onion, cut into wedges
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh herbs such as parsley, rosemary or thyme (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line a large rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Cut sweet potato and carrots into 1-inch chunks. Place in a large bowl with Brussels sprouts and onions. Add oil, salt and pepper, then toss well. Place mixture in a single layer on a prepared pan.

Roast 20-25 minutes, or until all vegetables are tender, turning once with a spatula.

Serve sprinkled with fresh herbs and an extra drizzle of oil if you wish, or experiment with maple syrup or pomegranate molasses for a dash of sweetness.

VARIATIONS

Roast a pan of cherry tomatoes to amp up the flavor of a pasta salad. Preheat oven to 375 F. Slice cherry tomatoes in half and toss with 1 tablespoon olive oil, 2 minced



answer



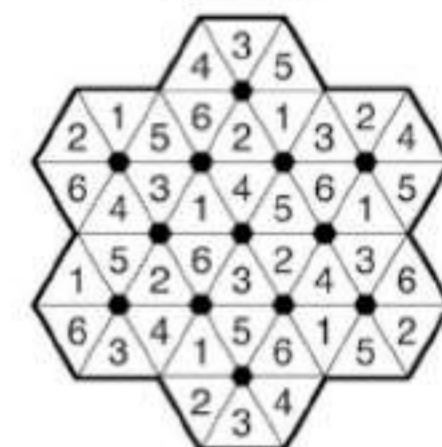
Go Figure!

answers

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+		+		-		
1	+	4	+	6	=	11
+		+		x		
2	+	9	x	5	=	55
=		=		=		
4		16		10		

SNOWFLAKES

solution



CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Q equals R

RY SIUGLIQO, N'U YJXXIYGT HI
QGRT HSNY MIO ME LQNHGQ
TRSZ NA IAG TRE. HNUG HI
SNH HSG QIRZTI!

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fresh garlic cloves, and salt and pepper on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake 15-20 minutes, then cool. Lightly toss into your prepared pasta salad, and top with fresh herbs and grated Parmesan.

Most chilled leftovers keep their crunch, so dip them in hummus or yogurt-based dressing for a snack. Or reheat it to complement a bowl of greens and delicious grains like quinoa, bulgur, and other wonderful foods at lunchtime.

Donna Erickson creates relationships and community through food and fun. Find more to nourish and delight you at www.donnaerickson.com.

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1. **Mufasa: The Lion King** (PG) Aaron Pierre, Kelvin Harrison Jr.
2. **One of Them Days** (R) Keke Palmer, SZA
3. **Wolf Man** (R) Julia Garner, Leigh Whannell
4. **Sonic the Hedgehog 3** (PG) Jim Carrey, Ben Schwartz
5. **Den of Thieves: Pantera** (R) Gerard Butler, O'Shea Jackson Jr.
6. **Moana 2** (PG) Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson
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Caller's Kid Creates Some Confusion

Bob calls for our local Bingo about once a month. This time he brought his four-year-old son along and he entertained us throughout the evening. He was fascinated by the balls bouncing in the glass-fronted container and the light-up Bingo board. He helped his daddy call and was pleased with himself that he knew the numbers.

He came to our table and made friends. "I can play Bingo," he said. "I know my numbers."

"Do you know what a Bingo is?" asked Kate.

"It's just a line, isn't it?"

"Sometimes," said Kate, "and sometimes it is in a different shape. I could help you."

"Okay," he said, but as soon as the balls started bouncing, he was off to watch them, giggling with pleasure.

"I think he's a little young," I said.

"I don't know," said Kate. "Let's try him out on something simple. How about the Bonanza?"

"Might be okay," I said. "That will be a simple blackout. He can play one of mine."

We arranged him at the table with a Bonanza card. This time the bouncing balls did not draw him away as a different machine was used. He was thoroughly caught up in the game and was soon on for B4. "That's how old I am," he said. "I bet I get it."

He bounced on his chair and kept chanting "B4, B4," quietly as he waited. But then the number came up and he jumped up and cheered. "Bingo, Daddy. I've got a Bingo."

He was not eligible for the win, as he had not purchased a buy-in. He was so ecstatic over winning that I could not even consider taking the card back and claiming it as my own. The whole Bingo Hall went into "pause" mode.

The final decision rested with the caller, but the caller was the child's father. The little boy looked hopeful, Bob just looked confused. "I don't know what to do," he said. "What do you think?"

I thought furiously and came up with an idea. "Could we donate the winnings to the Children's Hospital?" I asked. "That would seem to take care of who wins."

"That's a great idea," said Bob. "The winnings will be donated to Children's Hospital."

Kate unobtrusively pulled a ten-dollar bill from her purse. "This is for you," she said to the expectant child. "For being such a good sport."

"Oh," said the little boy. "Does this mean I can come back and play Bingo again?"

"Not in my lifetime," said Bob. "Not unless your mother comes along."

Hugelkultur is a traditional European gardening practice whereby fallen branches, logs and other woody debris are put into a pit, covered with compost, and then with a growing medium into which a garden is planted. The buried wood acts like a sponge for moisture as it decays, and also provides nutrients for the soil, which are tapped into by the growing plants. The vertical building up of the pile maximizes space. This method dramatically reduces the need for irrigation.

— Brenda Weaver

Source: <https://www.almanac.com/what-hugelkultur-ultimate-raised-bed>

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Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

1	2	3	4	
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- Across
- 1 Singer Simone, known as the "High Priestess of Soul"
 - 5 Hype
 - 6 Batman's sidekick
 - 8 Stud farm resident
 - 9 "The Handmaid's ___" (Margaret Atwood novel)
- Down
- 1 "All Things Considered" letters
 - 2 Concise admission of defeat
 - 3 Ancient Nile kingdom
 - 4 "It's ___!" (birth announcement phrase)
 - 7 Born, in Bordeaux
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Nevada Happenings

Lenny Kravitz Returns

Lenny Kravitz, who refuses to age (though he's turning 61 this year), did a five-show sold-out residency last fall at Dolby Live at Park MGM and will do five more this August. Kravitz's music is a fusion that ranges from hard rock to funk, reggae, soul, and R&B. He made history by winning the Grammy Award for Best Male Rock Vocal Performance four years in a row (1999-2002), setting the record for most consecutive wins in one category by a male performer; he's also won many other awards over the years and has sold more than 40 million albums in his 36-year career. The new dates are August 1, 2, 6, 8, and 9.

Marinelli's Serving Breakfast

Marinelli's, the red-tablecloth fine Italian restaurant with big picture windows at M Resort, has started serving breakfast. The prices are reasonable, with three eggs and bacon/sausage at \$14, French toast, pancakes, and waffles \$12, bagel and lox platter \$16, smoothies \$9, and seasonal berries \$8. Marinelli's also serves classic (\$15) and filet mignon (\$26) Benedicts, huevos (\$14) and breakfast burrito (\$12), and steak and eggs (\$26). Mimosas are \$9 and Bloody Marys \$14.

VooDoo Lounge Returns

VooDoo Steak, which occupies the 51st and 52nd floors of the Rio, has been open for some time, though VooDoo Lounge, the associated ultra lounge, "permanently" closed during the pandemic. Well, apparently, permanently meant five years or so, because VooDoo Lounge reopened in January. According to the Rio's website,

"The wait is over—VooDoo Lounge has returned. Perched high above the city, this ultra lounge is your gateway to unforgettable evenings. From bold cocktails to panoramic views and a live DJ setting the vibe, every moment invites you to play, explore, and savor the good life." There's no cover, but "upscale attire" is required and beers are \$9-\$10, cocktails \$17, bottle service \$200-\$850, and VIP seating packages \$250-\$1,500.

Country Comes to Sphere

Kenny Chesney has announced a 12-date residency at Sphere, the first country act to appear in the dome. The 56-year-old Chesney, who has a rabid following known as "No Shoes Nation," released his first album in 1994 and his 20th album, *Born*, came out last March. He's sold 30 million units over the course of his 30-year career, spawning 27 singles that have made it to the top 40 of the Billboard Hot 100, and headlined 18 arena tours. He's been awarded 12 Country Music Association awards, including Entertainer of the Year four times, 11 Academy of Country Music awards, including Entertainer of the Year (2005 to 2008), and has been nominated for six Grammy awards. The shows will be on: May 22, 24, 25, 28, 30, and 31 and June 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, and 14.

BLVD Construction Completed

BLVD, the massive 4-story 400,000-square-foot retail, dining, and entertainment project, has completed construction. Across from Aria (with a great view of it from the second-floor patio at Whataburger), BLVD opened to the public during F1, when the two-story Puma store unlocked its doors. The rest of the announced retailers were slated to open in early 2025. Initial retailers include Lululemon, Abercrombie & Fitch, British sportswear retailer JD Sports, Danish jeweler Pandora, mini department store H&M, and Adidas. In N Out has announced a major outlet, but that isn't opening for another year or so.

ARIZONA CHARLIE'S CASINOS



Arizona Charlie's Decatur and Boulder Awarded Over \$2.9 Million in Jackpot Winnings to Lucky Players in January

LAS VEGAS — Feb. 10, 2025 — January kicked off the new year in the best way for players at Golden Entertainment's Arizona Charlie's Boulder, located at 4575 Boulder Hwy and Arizona Charlie's Decatur, located at 740 S. Decatur Blvd, with a combined total of \$2,998,124 awarded in jackpot winnings throughout the month. The bulk of the winnings came from slot jackpots, which totaled \$2,574,186, while an impressive \$423,938 was awarded from bingo, making it an exciting month for both casinos.

The month started off strong at Arizona Charlie's Boulder when a player won \$18,724 playing Tasty Treasure slots on Friday, Jan. 3. On Sunday, Jan. 5, a lucky bingo player was awarded \$82,975 playing Charlie's Double Progressive. The Dancing Drums slot machine paid out a \$25,613 jackpot on Monday, Jan. 20 after a player bet just \$0.01.

Locals continued to get lucky at Arizona Charlie's Decatur, with two big jackpots in January. On Monday, Jan. 6, a fortunate guest won \$20,273 with a \$0.01 bet on Mariachi Party slots. Just days later, on Saturday, Jan. 11, another player hit the jackpot while playing the Ying Da Ruby slot machine, taking home \$20,003.

Named Best Player's/Loyalty Club (Bronze) by Las Vegas Review-Journal's 2024 Best of Las Vegas, Arizona Charlie's True Rewards program offers player bonuses, including increased point multipliers, prizes such as cash and free slot play, and eligibility in select tournaments and special events. More information is available at www.TrueRewards.com.

Las Vegas Local Gets Lucky on Valentine's Day, Winning \$58,528 Jackpot at Arizona Charlie's Boulder

LAS VEGAS — Feb. 19, 2025 — Arizona Charlie's Boulder, located at 4575 Boulder Hwy., made Valentine's Day unforgettable for one lucky local who won the Double Progressive jackpot of \$58,528 during a morning session of the 24-Hour Sweetheart Bingo event on Friday, Feb. 14. Following the win, the Double Progressive jackpot reset to \$20,000 and is currently growing.

Arizona Charlie's bingo room continues to prove why it was named Best Bingo (Gold) in the 2024 Best of Las Vegas awards, offering an exciting lineup of promotions throughout March. Upcoming events include March Bingo Gift Days, Bingo with Tony and Bingo with VGK mascot Chance. More information on these specialty promotions and more can be found here.

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Saturdays, March 1, 8 & 22 • 7:00pm

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Saturdays, March 15 & 29 • 7:00pm

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Super Six Saturdays
March 8 & 22 • 1:00pm & 7:00pm
Six \$1,000 Coveralls

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March 15 • 7:00pm
March 16 • 1:00pm
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1:00pm & 7:00pm
Bingo on any 7 receive \$500

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Tuesdays • 3:00pm & 7:00pm
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Friday, March 21
7:00pm & 9:00pm Sessions

TRIPLE PAY
Saturdays
1:00pm & 7:00pm Sessions

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Gaming News

Wynn Acquires London VIP Casino

Wynn Resorts has announced a deal to buy Crown London, a members-only casino in the city's posh Mayfair neighborhood, for an undisclosed price. Wynn will use Crown as a "conduit" to introduce wealthy British and European gamblers to its \$5 billion Wynn Al Marjan Island in the United Arab Emirates, slated to open in 2027. Wynn will have two years to fine-tune its Euro marketing at Crown, located in a 17th-century building, which caters to an international crowd of high rollers with twenty table games and a restaurant-bar that specializes in European, Asian, Middle Eastern, and Indian cuisines.

DraftKings Makes Enhancements

DraftKings launched a new subscription service called DraftKings Sportsbook+. It rolled out a few months ago in New York and is expected to expand to other states. In return for an auto payment of \$20 per month, members receive "stepped-up boosts" on all parlay bets in which the individual legs are -500 or narrower. For parlays with two legs, the payout is increased by 10%; the boost gets bigger as the number of legs do. For 11 or more legs, the boost doubles, for a 100% increase. According to the press release, membership is initially limited to "select eligible customers" in New York, without specifying the criteria. Parlays, of course, are high-hold propositions for the sports book, so for the member fee, bettors can lose even more money on large-payout long shots. Boosts are often offered when a sports book enters a new market; DraftKings Sportsbook+ will allow "an unlimited number of boosts," which is rare in the U.S.

\$150 Billion in Sports Betting

At the close of 2024 sports betting in 33 states was projected to have generated \$150 billion in handle when all the numbers are in for 2024. For a comparison, that's \$10 billion less than what the pizza industry grossed in 2023 around the world. The net is expected to come in at around \$14.2 billion, for a hold percentage of 9.5%, which generated taxes of \$2.9 billion to state and local governments and \$375 million in the federal excise tax. According to LegalSportsReport.com, 28 of the 33 states set new records for handle last year and all of them earned record revenue; the hold percentage also set a new record. Interestingly, Nevada's hold was the smallest at 6.4%, while more than half the states reported double-digit holds. New York led the pack in handle (\$22.5 billion) and state taxes (\$1 billion at a "draconian" 51% rate); New York sports books earned \$2.1 billion (up 24% over 2023). Illinois came in second with \$13.9 billion in handle (+20%) and \$1.2 billion in revenue (+19%). New Jersey followed: \$12.8 billion in handle (+7.3%) and \$1.15 billion in revenue (+14%).

Allegiant Garners the Top Spots

In its annual rankings of entertainment venues, *Billboard* magazine has named Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas the number-one U.S. destination for 2024. Allegiant attracted more than 657,000 fans to 15 major touring acts last year, including the Rolling Stones, Pink, Billy Joel and Sting, Morgan Wallen, and George Strait. Overall, the shows sold \$118 million worth of tickets, first out of all U.S. stadiums. Only Estadio GNP Seguros Mexico City sold more tickets than Allegiant, with \$135.3 million in revenue from 1.5 million attendees, which placed Allegiant at number two worldwide.

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Gasoline Alley

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QUESTIONS

- Which 1984 film featured "The Heat Is On"?
- Name the only James Bond film theme song to ever top the charts.
- Which Helen Reddy song is about a young girl who lives her life listening to the radio and creating imaginary lovers?
- Name the artists who were killed in the Iowa plane crash in 1959.
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "I realize the best part of love is the thinnest slice. And it don't count for much, but I'm not letting go."

ANSWERS

- Beverly Hills Cop*. The song was later used as a theme song for the Miami Heat basketball team in 1988.
- "A View to a Kill," by Duran Duran in 1985. The song was later nominated for the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song. It lost out to Lionel Richie's "Say You, Say Me" for "White Nights."
- "Angie Baby," in 1974. The strange storyline of the song has left many wondering what really happened to her "secret lover."
- Buddy Holly, "The Big Bopper" (J.P. Richardson) and Ritchie Valens.
- "Lost in Love," by Air Supply in 1979. The song has been used in the film *Private Lessons* and in a *Family Guy* episode.

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Bingo players excited to be a part of Arizona Charlie's Sweetheart Bingo last month.



PICKS OF THE MONTH

Nosferatu (R) — Director Robert Eggers first made plans to develop a remake of the 1922 silent film *Nosferatu* back in 2015, and it took some time for him to get his passion project off the ground. After being teased for so long, the gothic horror finally came to fruition and landed Bill Skarsgard (*It*), Nicholas Hoult (*Juror No. 2*), and Lily-Rose Depp (*The Idol*) as its leads. Skarsgard's eerie transformation into Count Orlok is his best work yet, with the cast describing the palpable fear of his character while working on set. Willem Dafoe, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, and Emma Corrin co-star as other townspeople whose lives are suddenly connected through a chilling experience with the count. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

Paradise (TV-MA) — This drama series starring Sterling K. Brown (*Atlas*) seems so perfect for network television that it's surprising it was developed for streaming

top ten

BIGGEST OIL SPILLS in History

- The Persian Gulf Oil Spill: 360-520 million gallons, 1991
 - BP's Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: 206 million gallons, 2010
 - The Ixtoc 1 Oil Spill: 140 million gallons, 1979
 - The Atlantic Empress Oil Spill: 90 million gallons, 1979
 - The Komi Pipeline Oil Spill: 84 million gallons, 1994
 - The ABT Summer Oil Spill: 80 million gallons, 1991
 - The Castillo de Belfer Oil Spill: 79 million gallons, 1983
 - The Amoco Cadiz Oil Spill: 69 million gallons, 1978
 - The MT Haven Tanker Oil Spill: 45 million gallons, 1991
 - The Odyssey Oil Spill: 40.7 million gallons, 1988
- Source: Business Insider

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only. Brown plays secret service agent Xavier Collins, the righthand man to President Cal Bradford (James Marsden). A relentless agent who stops at nothing to defend the president, Xavier receives the shock of his life when, one day, he finds the president lifeless in his quarters. As an investigation commences, the president's sudden death is shrouded in secrecy and lies by the White House, leaving Xavier to reveal whether foul play is at work. (Hulu)

Diddy: The Making of a Bad Boy (TV-MA) — It was only a matter of time until the documentaries would start following the arrest of rapper/record executive Sean Combs (aka Diddy) for sexual misconduct. Peacock is the first with a documentary out now that details Combs' childhood, his rise into the music industry, and now the recent sexual abuse allegations. Guest interviews include past bodyguards, childhood friends, accusers, and former employees of Combs' label Bad Boy Records. The allegations started to be taken seriously after footage was released of Combs assaulting his ex-girlfriend Cassie Ventura in 2016, but people in the documentary maintain that his criminal behavior began well before Ventura was subjected to it. (Peacock)

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