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NEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

Q. I know charity Bingo halls across the U.S. have varying prize payout limits, but there are other kinds of bingo halls, and I'd like to know if there have been big money winners at any of those places.

A. There have indeed been some big Bingo winners across the U.S. Here is a sampling.

Foxwoods' Firecracker Bingo - \$1M

One of the first bona fide million-dollar bingo wins in the U.S. took place at the Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut. To celebrate 25 years of bingo operations, Foxwoods hosted a high-stakes "Firecracker Bingo" event on July 2, 2011, and it paid off big. Jennifer McKenzie, from Niantic, Connecticut, hit the jackpot and took home \$1 million in cash. This was a landmark moment, as it proved American bingo halls could produce seven-figure winners.

Birthday Millionaire at Lone Butte

In 2018, an Arizona man got an unforgettable birthday present courtesy of bingo. While playing the Bingo Millions game at Gila River's Lone Butte Casino (in the Phoenix area), this unnamed 34-year-old hit the top prize of \$1 million on his birthday. The Bingo Millions game is billed as "the world's richest regular session bingo game," and it lived up to its name that night. The birthday winner's life-changing jackpot underscores how newer bingo innovations (like nationwide linked progressives) have made million-dollar payouts a reality in American bingo halls. Not a bad way to celebrate turning another year older.

'Lucky Tara' Strikes it Rich - \$250,000

Sometimes you don't need a million to make bingo history. In 2018, a player known as Tara

Gaming News

Michigan Casino Ranks High

According to *USA Today* readers FireKeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek is No. 7 on the "Best Casinos That Aren't in Las Vegas" list for this year. FireKeepers, which has long invited guests to "Get Your Vegas On" without leaving Michigan, is the only casino in the Midwest to make the list. "We are honored to be recognized among the top casinos outside of Las Vegas," said Frank Tecumseh, CEO of FireKeepers Casino Hotel. "This achievement reflects the hard work of our team and our commitment to delivering a premier gaming and entertainment experience for our guests." FireKeepers is listed alongside casinos in New Jersey, Arizona, Mississippi, California and Connecticut.

Two Powerball Winners

A recent Powerball drawing, the second largest in lottery history, yielded two winners who'll share the \$1.79 billion jackpot, one in Texas, the other Missouri. They'll split the \$893.5 million annuity or the \$410.3 million lump sum. In Texas, you have

to select the lump sum to remain anonymous; Missouri has strong regulations in place to protect winners. Both winners have 180 days to claim their jackpots.

Manhattan Casino Odds Fade

A Times Square casino proposal backed by Caesars and Jay-Z appears to be dead in the water. A community advisory committee recently voted no on moving forward with the casino bid from SL Green Realty Corporation, Caesars Entertainment and Roc Nation and Live Nation. The group planned to convert the existing 54-story office building at 1515 Broadway, which includes the Minskoff Theatre, the longtime home of *The Lion King*, as well as the Viacom headquarters, into the casino. The plans called to build the casino above the Broadway theater, as well as create a luxury hotel, restaurant and entertainment spaces in the building. The recent proposal being shot down means that just one proposal for a Manhattan casino may remain in the competition among developers and casino operators to win as many as three gaming licenses in downstate New York, according to Bloomberg.com.

Big August in AC

Atlantic City casinos had one of their strongest months in over a dozen years in August.

Properties produced an impressive \$311.9 million in revenue that month, the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement reported. According to Casino Control Commission Chairman James T. Plousis, Atlantic City casinos crossed \$300 million in revenue for the first time since August 2012. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the popularity of iGaming in the Garden State has been surging – giving property owners some cause for concern. The summer of 2025, however, has shown that properties in Atlantic City are able to hold their own.

Vegas Poker Palace to Reopen

The Poker Palace, which opened in 1974 and has been under the same ownership for 50 years, has been acquired by Truckee Gaming and after a renovation will reopen, though probably with a new name. Truckee Gaming is based in Reno and owns nine small neighborhood casinos in northern Nevada, including Rail City in Sparks, along with Club Fortune in Henderson. The Poker Palace property will be renovated, with an expanded casino. No budget has been revealed, but the reopening is slated for the end of the first quarter or sometime in the second quarter of 2026.

(a Pennsylvania resident visiting New York) won \$250,000 at the Seneca Gaming & Entertainment bingo hall in Salamanca, New York. This quarter-million jackpot came during the Seneca casino's 36th anniversary Million Dollar Bingo Special. Tara managed to get a coverall in 48 calls, landing the biggest bingo payout ever recorded in Western New York. She was just one ball short of the \$1 million grand prize.

Record Cash Ball at Santa Fe Station - \$199,578

Las Vegas makes the list with a record-setting bingo Cash Ball jackpot. In May 2025, local player Clementine K. hit a \$199,578 jackpot during the 3 p.m. bingo session at Santa Fe Station casino. This win was the largest bingo cash-ball jackpot in Station Casinos' history, according to the company. The Cash Ball is a progressive bo-

nus in Station's bingo halls, and Clementine's nearly \$200,000 prize had been building up for months before her lucky numbers came in. Her win generated plenty of excitement (and some joyful screaming) in the northwest Las Vegas Valley.

Lucky Eagle Jackpot - \$133,639

In August 2014, Dorothy Black of Olympia, Washington, made headlines by winning \$133,639 at the Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel, the largest bin-

go prize in that casino's history. The CEO himself presented Dorothy with an oversized check to mark the occasion. She won the jackpot playing a standard session at Lucky Eagle's bingo hall, which shows that sometimes even smaller tribal casinos can produce six-figure winners. For Dorothy, a long-time player, this amount was truly life changing. Her big win is fondly remembered in Washington's bingo community as proof that persistence and a bit of luck can lead to a record-breaking bingo haul.



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Horoscopes for November 2025

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): A sure sign that you’re about to flip into a new attitude? When your mind starts considering dozens of different options. See if you can tether your momentum to an adventure that allows you to travel and explore some new terrain. Outside influences will take you far.
Lucky Days: 4 - 20
Lucky Numbers: 11 - 36

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): The full Moon in your sign on the 5th highlights the need to bring care to the relationships in your life. Don’t take others for granted. Your secret power is the same as someone with a green thumb; with just a little effort, you help everything around you thrive.
Lucky Days: 7 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 22 - 58

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): As the year closes, this is a great month to meditate on what you specifically wish to achieve in the new year. The key idea here is to be specific. If you’re vague with your desires, you’ll achieve mediocre outcomes. Combine imagination with discipline, and you’ll succeed.
Lucky Days: 3 - 10
Lucky Numbers: 55 - 58

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): You’re in what’s called a “sweet spot triangle” in November. You have the chance to slip into a stream of flow that can move you several steps closer to your objectives. Dream big. Act courageously. Don’t hide your light under a bushel. The world is ready to receive your gifts.
Lucky Days: 4 - 12
Lucky Numbers: 12 - 33

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): You need to put something on the line this month to keep things fresh and moving in the right direction. This is a month when risk – taking a chance – can benefit your efforts. Move your body – take walks, hikes, or join a gym – an influx of physical vitality will improve all aspects of your life.
Lucky Days: 4 - 14
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 45

Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Find a Handyman

Dear Savvy Senior,
What’s the best way to find a good handyman or tradesman that can help with small jobs around the house?
– Almost 75

Dear Almost,
It’s a great question. Finding a good home repair/handyman can be a bit of a crapshoot. How do you find someone who will return your calls or texts, show up on time, do the job right and finish it, all at a fair price? Here are a few tips and resources that can help you search.

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): The poet Thoreau wrote, “Our life is frittered away by detail...simplify, simplify.” This might seem uninspiring to you, as you do take pride in your ability to manage the details. But this month offers you a chance to focus on one singular dream and help it come to life early next year. Take it.
Lucky Days: 5 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 50 - 59

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): Tension between associates, partners, and mates could be on the rise at the start of the month. Consider this pressure as a means to a breakthrough. Clear communication is the key. If you’re fence-sitting, stop and take a stand. Too much accommodation will drain your life force.
Lucky Days: 8 - 25
Lucky Numbers: 19 - 50

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): The full Moon on the 5th allows you to resolve a relationship glitch that’s needed your attention for a while. You might need to combine your ideas with others now. Find your way forward by sharing costs or duties. No need to go it alone when sharing puts a strong wind behind your back.
Lucky Days: 18 - 30
Lucky Numbers: 39 - 48

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): Your environment is asking for flexibility and grace. Rather than invest energy into proving and winning your point, put yourself into someone else’s position. See things through their eyes. This will strengthen a sense of kinship and universality – two of your favorite perceptions.
Lucky Days: 9 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 18

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20): Distraction is a nuisance this month. Minimize screen time. Consider committing to a new hobby or study that feeds your mind. Your intuition is attempting to guide you into your next undertaking. You’re always eager to build and grow, but this time make sure the effort is touching your soul, too.
Lucky Days: 10 - 17
Lucky Numbers: 6 - 39

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): Notice how you’re a small cog in the bigger movements around you. That doesn’t minimize your importance, but it does invite humility, which is necessary now. The full Moon on the 5th shines a light on your motives, and the clearer you can see what’s driving you, the more certainty you’ll possess.
Lucky Days: 20 - 29
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 19

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): The pressure is on between dreaming and accomplishing. Instead of caving to indecision, make a commitment to honor both of these conditions simultaneously. Pay attention to your momentum, and you’ll see how imagination and discipline always go hand in hand.
Lucky Days: 3 - 30
Lucky Numbers: 8 - 25

What Kind of Help
While it may seem obvious, whom you call on for help will depend on what you need done. If, for example, you have an odd job or small home repair project that doesn’t require a lot of technical expertise, a handyperson may be all you need. But if you have a job that involves electricity, plumbing, or heating or cooling systems, you’re better off going with a licensed tradesman. Bigger jobs like home renovations or remodeling may require a general contractor.

Where to Find a Pro
Whatever type of work you need, the best way to find it is through referrals from people you trust. If your friends or family don’t have any recommendations turn to professionals in the field like local hardware or home improvement stores, or even real estate agents.
If you don’t have any luck here, there are a number of online resources



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you can turn to that can quickly connect you to a wide variety of skilled workers in your area.

If you need someone for a home chore or small job, a popular option is Taskrabbit, which lists thousands of freelance workers (called Taskers) that have undergone background checks. Here you can get help with things like furniture assembly; lifting or moving heavy items; mounting or hanging TVs, shelves or pictures; minor home repairs; cleaning services; yard work and more. Taskers set their own hourly rates, which are displayed on their website before you book.

Some other good options for locating handy-people are fix-it franchises like Ace Handyman and Mr. Handyman – these companies vet and insure their staff, but they may be more expensive than Taskrabbit. Or, if you use social networking sites, you could also post a request for a handyperson in your Facebook group or on Nextdoor.

If, however, you’re in the market for specialist like a plumber, electrician, painter, roofer or carpenter as well as a handyperson, try Angi.com. They too, vet their independent contractors, and

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will let you request quotes from several candidates. Thumbtack is another good resource that’s similar to Angi, but they offer more details like average response time, specifics about the work they do, and photos of past projects.

Things to Know
Once you’ve located a few candidates, here are some steps you can take to protect your money and ensure you’re satisfied with the results. First, get a handwritten estimate or digital contract that list the tasks and the hourly rate or project fee.
Also, ask to see their proof of insurance, which covers any damages they may cause while working on your home, and ask for several references from past jobs.
You should also pay after the work is done, not before. But it’s not unusual to be asked for a small deposit for material costs upfront.
And if possible, you should pay with a credit card, because you can dispute the payment if something goes wrong with the job. Checks and electronic payments like PayPal, Venmo and Zelle don’t offer the same level of protection.

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 - 5 Brazilian music genre word meaning “trend”
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 - 14 Ebb
 - 15 Nailing, in a way
 - 16 Weather ____
 - 17 Kitchen fixture
 - 18 Mountain slope debris
 - 19 Welder’s output
 - 20 Home improvement team
 - 22 One of two sts. admitted to the Union 11/2/1889
 - 23 Elder of an ‘80s-’90s country duo
 - 24 Metaphorical casino loss
 - 25 Formed by solidified magma
 - 26 Is ____: imminently will
 - 27 Turndowns
 - 28 Perceived Cold War weapons disparity
 - 31 Propelled, as a raft
 - 32 Words preceding an important reminder
 - 37 Power eponym
 - 41 Antagonism
 - 42 Amazon, notably
 - 44 Singer for whom Bernie wrote lyrics
 - 45 Remit, nowadays
 - 47 “Contact” author Sagan
 - 48 Comes to terms
 - 49 “I’ll do it”
 - 50 Formal “Who’s there?” response
 - 51 Letter-bottom abbr.
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- 24 Roman sun god
- 26 Like a pendulum’s movement
- 29 ____-mo
- 30 Saw
- 32 Like Hollywood films before censorship guidelines were introduced
- 33 LeBron, since Jul. 2018
- 34 One in a 1K, say
- 35 Follower
- 36 Certain youngster’s nickname
- 37 Least civilized
- 38 Property recipient, in law
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- 48 Wish were here

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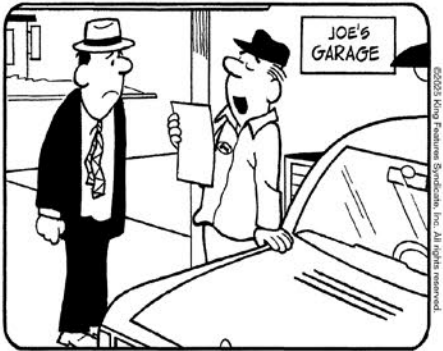
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Paper is longer. 2. Mirror is lower. 3. Man's left arm is not showing. 4. Light is different. 5. Hood is different. 6. Pants are different.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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QJI'N WDCF TN DSS MTVXKFQ
JXN, TN'P JU. NWDN'P NWF
PDEF OWDTK NWDN T PDN TI.
— BTSS MFKKFSS

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For many of you who maybe don't have it all figured out,
it's OK. That's the same chair that I sat in.

CryptoQuote



JUMBLE

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

DEEWG					
LUYBK					
DEELYI					
NNCOAY					

Print your answer here:

_____ - _____

Jumbles: WEDGE BULKY EYELID CANYON
Answer: The pianist played for just a few people. His performance was — LOW-KEY



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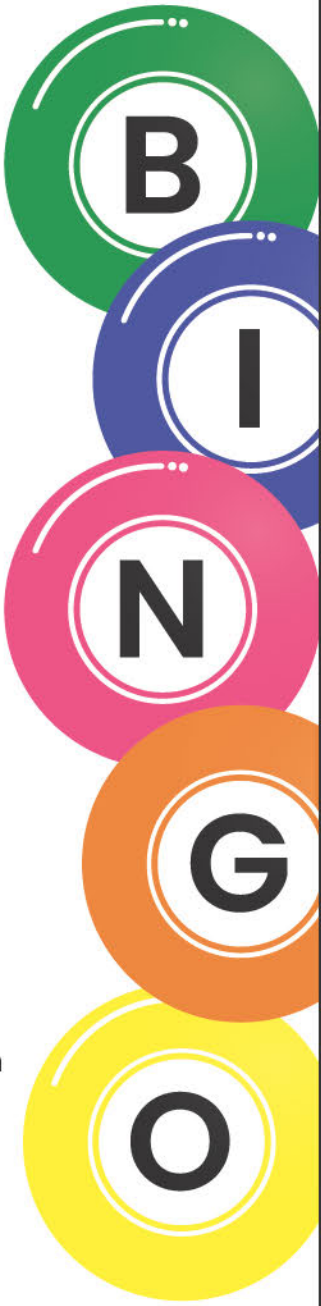
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