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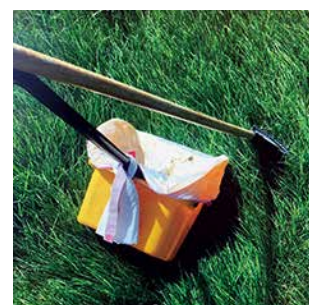
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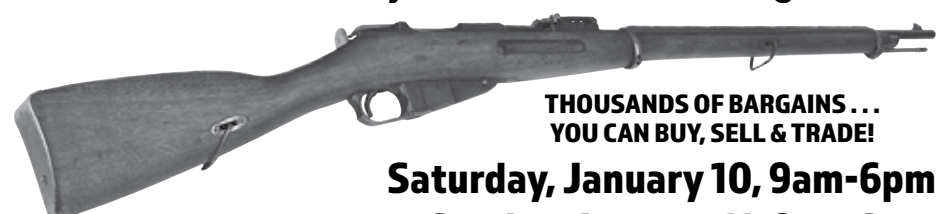
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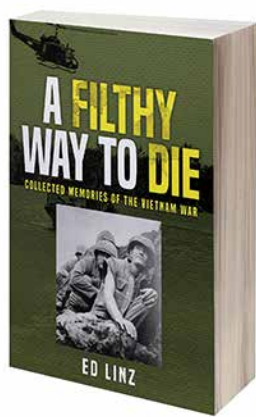
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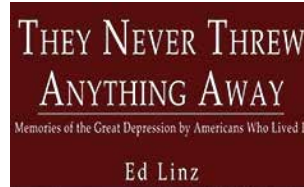


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WEEKLY Horoscopes

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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Minor obstacles are in your path, Aries. It's easy to get frustrated right now. Once you clear the hurdles it will be smoother sailing before long. Remain patient.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
You treasure family and friends, Taurus. This week calls for an important decision that could affect them all. It may be challenging, but you will make the right call.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Gemini, you may have to reset your priorities, as new information has come to the surface. Prioritize responsibilities so major issues are taken care of first.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
Unavoidable situations may cross your path this week, Cancer. It is important that you stay the course. Committing to tackling things head-on is the most productive approach.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
It may be tempting to shirk your responsibilities right now, Leo. Resist that temptation. Keep your head down and keep on working. It will soon prove worth it.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, be confident and listen to your instincts, Libra. Do so before taking on any important tasks that might turn up in the days or weeks to come. A surprise might be around the corner.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Your energy will remain high this week, Libra, enabling you to come up with some innovative ideas that have true staying power. Pursue your options.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
The conditions are right for finishing an important task, Scorpio. You will be able to come up with wonderful ideas that have true staying power. Pursue your options.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you have been working hard lately and this may result in an overactive and tired mind. You should factor in a break so you can recharge your body and spirit.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Focus on keeping your cool even if that proves difficult, Capricorn. Be the bigger person in all of your interactions. You have a strong ability to control of your emotions.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you may feel uneasy or worried for unknown reasons. Trust your gut in this instance and steer clear of trouble should it try to get in your way this week.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Family tops your list of priorities right now, Pisces. You are likely to spend considerable time with loved ones in the days to come. Relish in all the opportunities to connect.

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I can report that the trout fishing is still very good for nice sized trout at Fish Lake, near Lake Wenatchee. With the late winter and fairly mild weather, there should be good fishing for trout on many of the lakes in our region.

I was going to play Santa for some friends that live at Lake Wenatchee recently, and I decided to stop by Fish Lake on the way. It took me a little while longer than anticipated as heavy snow began falling as I drove up the Chumstick Valley. Then, as I reached the steep, winding road down to Plain, I hit stop and go traffic. One of the trucks that was hauling materials for the repair of Highway 2 had run off the road and that had it choked down to one lane. When I finally reached Fish Lake, I took the time to shoot a short video showing the conditions. A few days later, the sun had come out here in Leavenworth and when I checked the web cam at the lake, I saw it was bright and sunny up there. I couldn't resist making the drive up there. It's such a beautiful spot in the winter. I shot another short video to show the contrast of how the weather can change so quickly this time of year. I noticed a skim of ice on the water at the Cove, but we are a long way off from ice fishing at this popular lake. Later in the week I returned to Fish Lake. Rollie Schmitzen and his grandson Noah were going to be fishing here and invited me to join them. On their last trip the person on the dock with them found fishing below a bobber, and not on the bottom was working the best, so they were rigged up that way, and I brought two bobber and jig rods with me. We were getting bites but having trouble hooking the trout that were nibbling on our shrimp baits. Finally, Noah hooked a fish that measured 14 inches. Then another angler came down to the dock and started fishing. He was fishing on the bottom with the same bait and immediately landed a 16-inch fish, and another one shortly after. Well, we learned that what Scott West, owner of the Cove Resort, had told us earlier was correct. To catch the trout at Fish Lake right now, put a weight on the bottom, two hooks above that and put cooked and dyed shrimp on the hooks. It works! This week's

photo is of Steve Mikkelsen with one of the fish he caught off the dock at Fish Lake.

I mentioned that I have plans to visit several fishing destinations this winter and I thought I would mention some of my favorites. In the early winter, before there is enough ice on the lakes in the region for safe ice fishing you will often find me in the Grand Coulee Dam area. I have had some great days fishing for trout from the shore at Spring Canyon. I walk down the beach below the swimming area and look for a place where I think my bait will be in ten to



twelve feet of water. I set two rods in holders and wait for a bite. Another place I have had great success on trout is at Keller. I drive to the park below the Keller Marina and walk down to the beach. I usually set up at the last access, but there are several other spots where people fish along this park. I have even seen people fishing from the shore in the marina bay. My friends and I also like to fish from the shore at the Colville Net Pens site. I have spent many cold winter days enjoying hot fishing at each of these locations.

When I am thinking about where I want to go for some good fishing, I will often look back at what I was doing at this time of year, maybe even a few years ago. I don't keep a journal. I use my photo library, and my phone

will show me "Memories for this Day" in the past. This morning it showed me a photo of my brother in law, Tom Ver-shuren, with a very nice rainbow. It was taken at the beach at Keller. I remember this day very well. It was the first time that I had taken Tom to fish from shore at Keller, and we had such good success that he has accompanied me to this same spot several times in recent years. We were fishing from the Federal Park with two rods each and casting a shrimp and marshmallow combo as far as we could. We never had to wait long for one of our four rods to start bouncing. If I remember correctly we both had our five fish limits in less than two hours. The fish ranged in size from 16 to 21 inches. It was a sunny day in early January and we had a blast.

As you have probably noticed through my reports that I like to fish several locations in Okanogan and Grant County in the winter months. I am constantly looking at the weather forecast apps on my phone to determine which highways I should travel to reach these destinations. Driving in snow, ice, and freezing fog can be nerve racking. Even when it's not snowing or foggy it can be difficult to see the edges of the highway due to the low contrast light. If I am going to fish in the Grand Coulee Dam area, I will often drive up the day before and spend the night at the Grand Coulee Center Lodge. The rooms are nice and they always ask if I am bringing a boat so they can save a space for me. They have power available to charge my bow mount motor batteries, too. There have been many times that I wish I had done this, instead of driving through a snowstorm or across the plateau from Waterville in dense and often freezing fog in the morning. Too many white knuckle trips. I would rather be in my warm room watching a football game instead.

One of my plans for next week is to try steelhead fishing on the Snake River. I will share all the details with you next week!

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JAKE SWIGER: 2025 QLISPE RACEWAY SUPER PRO CHAMPION



Jake Swiger. Jake Swiger photos

AIRWAY HEIGHTS, Wash. — If Johnny Cash were still alive and wanted to pen new lyrics to his song, "I've been everywhere," he could have tagged along with Qlispe Raceway's Super Pro Eliminator 2025 champion, Jake Swiger.

His trips from home in Valley, Wash., located south of Chewelah, to Airway Heights to race were short by comparison to the rest of his 2025 season that saw Swiger, often accompanied by many if not all his family, travel the West in search of more success on the racetrack. Locally he and his 1967 GTO collected 287 points, just enough to finish ahead of Greenacres, Wash. dragster competitor, Justin Jones with 278.

Consistency was the magic potion for Swiger's run to the title in the track's quickest bracket.

"We finished the season with a lot of quarter-finals semi-finals and runner up's but couldn't quite take the top spot at many races," he explained in an email.

In all Swiger, 43, estimates he put some 12,000 miles on his motor home and tow rig. "It was a steady every weekend since March in Tucson up until the Thanksgiving race in Vegas," he said.

"We took a whole month off and went from Tucson to Las Vegas got the kids licensed in Vegas and raced the GTO there," Swiger said. Then it was back to Phoenix and raced even more. Then they returned to Las Vegas for the "Spring Fling" with the GTO.

Add in trips to Firebird — both in Boise and Phoenix — Tucson, Woodburn, Bremerton, Renegade, Walla Walla and Mission in Canada.

He raced 10 separate tracks this year including the Division 6 ET finals in Mission, British Columbia representing Qlispe Raceway.

"For taking almost a 20-year break from racing while busy with raising a family, we jumped both feet in," Swiger said.

Aside from the Qlispe title, other notable efforts for Swiger in 2025 came at the Halloween Classic at Boise's Firebird.

Swiger is self-employed and supports what he called his "bad habit" by owning and operating Jake's Repair LLC where he works on diesel equipment repair and custom fab work with CNC plasma table.

"We also farm and sell hay throughout the summer," he added.

Dad is not the only champion in the family, either.

"Revy our youngest son is a junior dragster racer and captured the championship in Walla Walla this year," Swiger said.

Swiger wants to acknowledge his family who are an integral part of his operation, and success.

"I'd like to give thanks to my wife Amanda and my six kids — Matthew, Kassandra, Bradlee, Serenna, Jacob and Revy for allowing me the time I have spent away from home the last few seasons."

Also add to that "Scotty Wear, George Leblanc and Micheal Winston for all the advice throughout it all," Swiger said.

Swiger and his wife both raced in high school and during the Orville Moe days at the raceway. Both families were regulars at the track. Swiger is a 2001 graduate of Mary Walker HS in Springdale.

Following a break while raising a family, he returned to racing three years ago. Swiger was able to relaunch his racing pursuits in a 1967 Nova once owned by his father. His father sold the car about 10 years ago, but Swiger was able to locate it and return it to the family.



Jake Swiger's 1967 GTO on the racetrack. Jake Swiger photos

SUPER PRO 2025 LEADERS

Pos.	Driver	Hometown	Car/bike	Points
1	Jake Swiger	Valley, WA	1967 GTO	287
2	Justin Jones	Greenacres, WA	2020 M&M Drag.	278
3	Doug Widhalm	Yakima, WA	1969 Camaro	230
4	Michael Householder	Grandview, WA	1973 Vega	224
5	Terry Holloway	Yakima, WA	2003 Suzuki	212



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