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by Barbara Nimke

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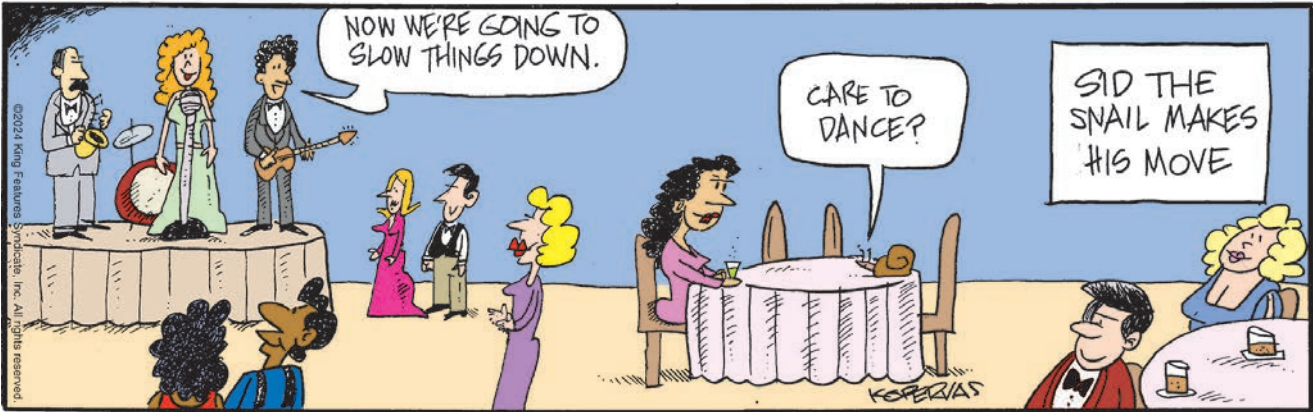
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By Lucie Winborne

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 - An ostrich can run faster than a horse.
 - Seventy-five percent of Japanese homes boast a high-tech toilet, the latest models of which eliminate the need for toilet paper, keep you warm, check your blood pressure, play the sound of running water to, er, drown out your business, and automatically open and shut so you won't have to touch anything.
 - Prior to the adoption of standard time zones in 1883, each city or town set its own local time based on the sun's position.
 - Six years after Hall of Fame pitcher Gaylord Perry stated, "They'll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run," he struck the only one of his career just hours after Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface.
 - Actor George Reeves, who played Superman in the 1950s, once had to deflect a young fan who wanted to test his "invulnerability" by bringing a pistol to a live appearance. Reeves convinced the boy to hand over his gun by warning him that a bystander might be hurt by bullets that bounced off his Superman suit.
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Silhouettes

Silhouettes and profile images date to ancient times. Usually limited to the head and shoulders, the shape is a filled solid color attached to a high-contrast background. Featureless, but easily recognizable, they offer fast identification.

Silhouettes were at their peak of popularity in the late 18th century as an inexpensive way to create a portrait miniature. Cutting a person's likeness from paper was the simplest and most economical way to document their image. They have been used on coins since ancient times and still are today. Because they are used on currency, some of the most recognizable silhouettes in the United States are former presidents.

Can you recognize any in this framed set? George Washington is in the center, of course, surrounded by the next 16 presidents. This set was made about 1870 and sold for \$2,688 at an auction by Rachel Davis Fine Arts.

Q A while back I saw on Google that someone found a picture believed to be of Billy the Kid! I have an early photo in which the person looks identical. Billy the Kid is standing between two other men. How can I find out if it's authentic?

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— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —



If you're suffering from cabin fever this winter, consider fishing for burbot in the Kootenai River

Burbot fishing on the Kootenai River is most productive during the winter months as burbot prepare to spawn in February and March. Unlike the summer months when burbot often hunker down in deep pools or in Kootenay Lake in British Columbia, this time of year they can often be found in shallower water or in tributaries to the river.

What the Heck Is a Burbot?

Burbot—also known as bubbot, cusk, freshwater cod, ling, lingcod and eelpout—are the only freshwater cod species in North America, and they have a special place in Idaho's heart. These long-bodied, cold-water fish are not your run-of-the-mill sport fish. Burbot have flat heads and long bodies that sprout long pectoral fins just behind their gills. Their back-half is eel-like, with stumpy rounded fins. Burbot have brownish-yellow mottled skin, earning them the nickname "Kootenai leopards" among anglers.



Native burbot being held for habitat restoration head shot April 2017

As the name implies, these leopard-like fish are predatory and feed during the night. They hang out during the day in deep, slow-moving pools, then seek out food such as crayfish or small fish in shallow water. With the help of inward slanting, sandpaper-like teeth and a funky little chin whisker called a barbel, burbot have no trouble scoping out and hanging on to prey.

Burbot march to the beat of their own drum in more ways than one, but when it comes to reproduction, things get even weirder. Unlike most freshwater fish that spawn in spring or early summer, burbot prefer to do their business in winter. Most spawning occurs from mid-February through mid-March. Females will lay anywhere between 60,000 to 3 million eggs, each being the size a grain of sand. Burbot will often live to 8-10 years old, and even longer in other parts of the world.

A Kootenai Leopard Hunt

Hit up your buddy to take the rods out on the Kootenai River and its tributaries in mid-winter and you might get a solid "no" before you can even finish your sentence. But tickle their fancy with a prized fresh-water cod that tastes like lobster, and it might change their tune.



Young angler with burbot

Anglers will most likely find burbot between mid-February and mid-March when spawning is at its peak, but because burbot fly by night usually, it can be a little challenging to locate them. But before you cast off these unicorn fish as a myth, here are a few fishing tips to help you track down a "Kootenai leopard":

- If fishing at dusk or night, try fishing shallow flats or deep holes (5-15 feet deep).
- If fishing during the day, try dropping a line in 40-plus foot deep holes. Burbot like to rest in these deep pockets during the day.
- Try river junctions where smaller streams flow into the mainstem of the river.
- Worms, cut bait and shrimp work well for bait.
- Use weights to get the line down deep towards the bottom.

HOT TIP: Burbot are similar to catfish, in that they cruise along the bottom of the river looking for other fish to eat. Try putting a piece of cut bait, shrimp or worm on your hook and soaking it on the bottom of the river, waiting for a burbot to latch on.



Kootenai River burbot with a tag in its back

If you decide to give burbot fishing a try this year, remember to participate in the Kootenai River Angler Science Program to potentially win prizes and help us make burbot fishing even better in the years ahead. Remember, you don't have to catch a burbot to be eligible to win, but you do have to record information about your trip. If you participate in the program, remember to record every burbot fishing adventure on which you embark—even if you don't catch one. Believe it or not, the trips where you don't catch a burbot provide incredibly valuable information for local biologists. Visit idfg.idaho.gov/sites/default/files/kr_anglerscienceprogram_flyer_2024.pdf to learn more about the program.

And another reminder, if you catch a burbot with a tag in its back, make sure to report it!

Fishing for burbot can be a great way to kick off any angler's new year. Be sure to dress warm and bring extra layers in case that North Idaho weather takes a turn. Whether you land one of these leopard-like cod or simply use it as a way to get outdoors this winter, burbot fishing can be a great chance to put a delicious, native fish on the supper table.



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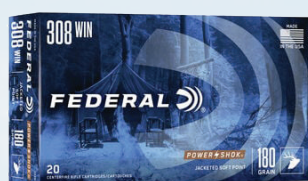
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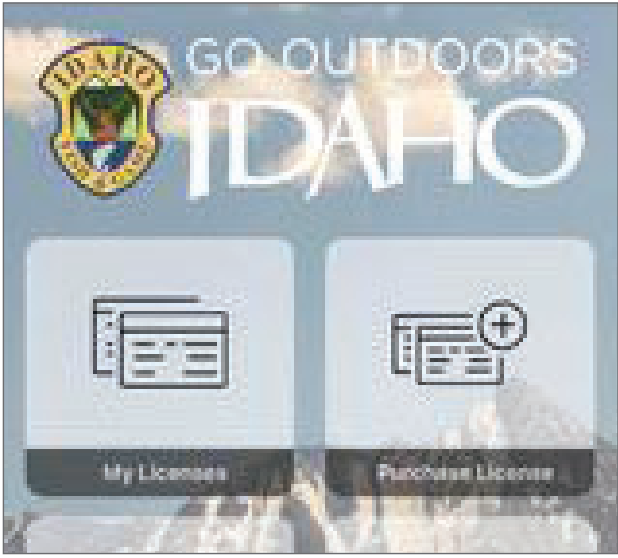
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E-tag app will allow anglers to tag their fish through a cell phone app

Idaho Fish and Game is implementing electronic salmon and steelhead permits to allow “e-tagging” of harvested salmon and steelhead through the Go Outdoors Idaho mobile app starting on April 1. E-tagging will be optional when you buy your permits, and paper tags will still be available for those who prefer the traditional method of tagging fish.

E-tagging will allow salmon or steelhead anglers to “notch” their permits electronically through the Go Outdoors Idaho app. Anglers can use e-tagging while out of cell service, in low service areas, and while the device is on airplane mode. Once an angler clicks “submit” for their e-tagging report, they will receive a confirmation number for each fish that

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There is no additional cost for e-tagging. Anglers can download Fish and Game’s Go Outdoors Idaho mobile app, and e-tagging will be available April 1 for 2024 salmon and steelhead permits. It also allows anglers to buy a salmon permit through the app and start fishing immediately instead of waiting for a paper tag to arrive in the mail.

Anglers using e-tagging will be responsible for ensuring their phone is charged and functioning properly, just like those using paper tags are responsible for having their tag in possession.

With e-tagging, after catching and keeping an adult salmon or steelhead, anglers will open their e-tagging app and it will populate the current date and time of harvest. The angler will add information through a drop-down menu, such as what river section they are fishing, then the angler submits the information and receives a confirmation code that the fish is legally e-tagged.

The confirmation code will be stored on the Go Outdoors Idaho app on the angler’s phone and available as proof of the fish being tagged whether in or out of cell service. When the angler returns to cell or internet service, that information will be sent electronically to a database where it will be stored.

Anglers buying a 2024 salmon permit will have to choose between a paper tag or e-tagging at the time of purchase and use only that method throughout the calendar year. Anglers cannot use both e-tagging and paper permits in the same year, so anglers who have already bought a paper permit or received one as part of their Sportsman’s Package will not be able to use e-tagging in 2024.

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In early February, Fish and Game will capture and radio-collar bighorn sheep from the Lower Panther-Main Salmon River population in addition to other areas in the region. Bighorns will be captured, sampled for disease, biological data collected, and fitted with a radio collar for tracking. For safety, the public is encouraged to avoid areas if they encounter capture work crews.

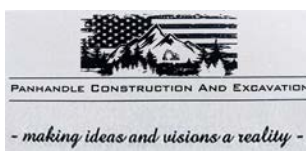
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Across the western United States, disease has been found to be the single largest limiting factor for wild bighorn sheep populations. Disease has been found in the Salmon Region populations and this collaborative effort is to monitor the health status and actively manage the disease, particularly the pathogen *Mycoplasma Ovipneumoniae*, referred to as Movi.

While some sheep build an immunity to the disease, unfortunately, a critical part of the population - lambs born each spring - have not had the opportunity to build immunity. Lamb survival to adulthood is typically very low in populations where Movi is present and prevents population recovery.

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5 Healthy Habits to Help Reduce Stress

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(Family Features) Between work, family obligations and a constantly changing world, people in the United States are stressed. In fact, U.S. workers are among the most stressed in the world, according to a State of the Global Workplace study. While some stress is unavoidable and can be good for you, constant or chronic stress can have real consequences for your mental and physical health.

Chronic stress can increase your lifetime risk of heart disease and stroke. It can also lead to unhealthy habits like overeating, physical inactivity and smoking while also increasing risk factors, including high blood pressure, depression and anxiety. However, a scientific statement from the American Heart Association shows reducing stress and cultivating a positive mindset can improve health and well-being.

To help people understand the connection between stress and physical health, the American Heart Association offers these science-backed insights to help reduce chronic stress.

Stay Active

Exercise is one of the easiest ways to keep your body healthy and release stress. Physical activity is linked to lower risk of diseases, stronger bones and muscles, improved mental health and cognitive function and lower risk of depression. It can also help increase energy and improve quality of sleep. The American Heart Association recommends adults get at least 150 minutes per week of moderate-intensity activity, 75 minutes of vigorous activity or a combination.

Meditate

Incorporate meditation and mindfulness practices

into your day to give yourself a few minutes to create some distance from daily stress. Some studies show meditation can reduce blood pressure, improve sleep, support the immune system and increase your ability to process information.

Practice Positivity

A positive mindset can improve overall health. Studies show a positive mindset can help you live longer, and happy individuals tend to sleep better, exercise more, eat better and not smoke. Practice positive self-talk to help you stay calm. Instead of saying, “everything is going wrong,” re-frame the situation and remind yourself “I can handle this if I take it one step at a time.”

Show Gratitude

Gratitude – or thankfulness – is a powerful tool that can reduce levels of depression and anxiety and improve sleep. Start by simply writing down three things you’re grateful for each day.

Find a Furry Friend

Having a pet may help you get more fit; lower stress, blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar; and boost overall happiness and well-being. When you see, touch, hear or talk to companion animals, you may feel a sense of goodwill, joy, nurturing and happiness. At the same time, stress hormones are suppressed. Dog ownership is also associated with a lower risk of depression, according to research published by the American Heart Association.

Find more stress-management tips at Heart.org/stress.

Stress 101

Understanding stress is an important step in managing and reducing it. Consider these things to know about stress and how it could affect your life:

- Today, 1 in 3 adults in the U.S. report being worried or depressed.
- Higher levels of the stress hormone cortisol are linked to increased risk of high blood pressure and cardiovascular events like heart disease and stroke.
- The top sources of stress are money, work, family responsibilities and health concerns.
- Work-related stress is associated with a 40% increased risk of cardiovascular disease like heart attack and stroke.

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FWP To Host Public Workshops To Discuss Outdoor Recreation Plan

— Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks —

Whether you love hiking, hunting, biking or fishing, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks wants to hear your thoughts on what matters most for the future of outdoor recreation in our state. Over the next few months, FWP will be gathering input from the recreating public as it updates its Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

SCORP serves as a guide for local, state and federal agencies as they work with FWP to develop future outdoor recreation opportunities across the state. SCORP also outlines outdoor recreation goals for the state over the next five years.

"We're going to reach out to people who love the outdoors, no matter how they choose to recreate," said FWP Director Dustin Temple. "We want all viewpoints and ideas incorporated in this document that will really help guide how we develop outdoor recreation opportunities over the next five years."

SCORP is updated every five years and is required for the state to receive funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which provides matching grant funds to state, tribal, and local government entities to develop outdoor recreation.


The first step in updating the SCORP, FWP will host nine public workshops around the state, including a virtual option, in February and March. These

workshops are designed to answer questions from the public and get feedback on outdoor recreation ideas from communities around the state. The insights and ideas gathered from these public workshops will help shape the goals and objectives of the 2025-2029 SCORP.

The workshops are scheduled as follows:

- Kalispell, Feb. 21, 6-8 p.m., FWP Region 1 Headquarters, 490 N. Meridian Road
- Great Falls, Feb. 22, 6-8 p.m., FWP Region 4 Headquarters, 4600 Giant Springs Road
- Helena, March 4, 6-8 p.m., Montana WILD Auditorium, 2668 Broadwater Ave.
- Billings, March 5, 6-8 p.m., FWP Region 5 Headquarters, 2300 Lake Elmo Drive
- Miles City, March 6, 6-8 p.m., FWP Region 7 Headquarters, 352 I-94 Business Loop
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- Bozeman, March 13, 6-8 p.m., FWP Region 3 Headquarters, 1400 South 19th Ave.
- Missoula, March 14, 6-8 p.m., FWP Region 2 Headquarters, 3201 Spurgin Road

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2. Am I a planet or not?	__ _ U _ _	Early philosopher	__ _ A _ _
3. Held on to the baseball	C _ _ _ _ _	Instilled a lesson	T _ _ _ _ _
4. Behave in response	__ _ _ _ T	Span	__ _ _ _ H
5. Senior	__ _ D _ _	Mr. Fudd	__ _ M _ _
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7. Painter's garment	_ M _ _ _	Volt jolt	_ H _ _ _
8. Shhhhhhhh	_ _ _ E _	Patchwork cover	_ _ _ L _
9. Kit or Johnny	_ _ _ S _	Milk holder	_ _ _ T _
10. Fail to recall	_ _ _ _ T	Faked a signature	_ _ _ _ D

Community Calendar

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Thursday, February 29th, 5pm-7pm, at Kootenai Health (Health Resource Center), 2003 Kootenai Way, CdA. For those living with MS and their caregivers, a chance to network and learn ways to manage fatigue and sleep. Speakers and Q/A session.

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(Family Features) Making time for meals together can have a positive impact on the well-being of families, including children and adolescents. In fact, regular meals at home can help reduce stress and boost self-esteem, according to research published in "Canadian Family Physician."

Mealtime conversations are also a perfect opportunity to connect with your loved ones. A study published in "New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development" showed these conversations help improve children's vocabularies more than being read aloud to.

Making time for meals together shouldn't require spending all night in the kitchen, however. A simple-to-prepare ingredient like eggs can help you spend less time cooking and more time with family.

For example, these heart-healthy recipes for Poached Egg Tostadas with Avocado-Tomatillo Salsa, Sweet Potato Hash with Eggs and Poblano Fritata from the Healthy for Good Eat Smart initiative, nationally supported by Eggland's Best, are ready in 15 minutes or less. They include a wide variety of vegetables, fruit, whole grains and healthy protein sources, which are recommended by the American Heart Association to help prevent heart disease and stroke.

To find more tips for family mealtimes and recipe inspiration, visit heart.org/eatsmart.

Poached Egg Tostadas with Avocado-Tomatillo Salsa

Servings: 4 (1 egg and 1/2 cup salsa per serving)

Nonstick cooking spray

4 corn tortillas (6 inches each)

4 cups water

1 tablespoon white vinegar

4 large eggs

Salsa:

1 medium avocado, diced

1 medium Anaheim or poblano pepper, seeds and ribs discarded, diced

1 medium tomatillo, papery husk discarded, washed and diced

1/2 medium tomato, diced

1/4 cup diced red onion

1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

1 medium garlic clove, minced

1/8 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line baking sheet with aluminum foil. Lightly spray foil with nonstick cooking spray.

Arrange tortillas in single layer on foil. Lightly spray tortillas with nonstick cooking spray. Using fork, pierce tortillas to prevent from filling with air. Bake 5-6 minutes on each side, or until golden brown. Transfer to serving plates.

In large skillet over high heat, bring water and vinegar to boil.

Once water is boiling, reduce heat and simmer. Break egg into cup then carefully slip egg into simmering water. Repeat with remaining eggs, avoiding eggs touching in water. Simmer 3-5 minutes, or until egg whites are completely set and yolks are beginning to set but aren't hard. Using slotted spoon, drain eggs. Place each egg on tostada.

To make salsa: In medium bowl, gently stir together avocado, pepper, tomatillo, tomato, red onion, cilantro, lime juice, garlic and salt. Serve with tostadas.

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Divas ON A DIME
By Patti Diamond

Indulge in Decadence Without the Fuss: The Easiest Chocolate Fondue

Whether you're planning a romantic Valentine's Day dinner, date night, fun party or just craving a chocolaty escape from the ordinary, I've got the perfect treat for you. With this surprisingly easy chocolate fondue, the decadence is unbelievable and the effort is minimal. And here's the best part -- no fancy fondue pot required!

For the richest chocolate fondue, opt for the highest quality chocolate that you can comfortably afford. Choose a variety that you'd happily snack on. Chocolate chips offer a convenient choice, and I recommend semisweet or dark chocolate chips, or a mix of both, for an optimal flavor profile. Don't hesitate to use chopped chocolate bars if that's what's available. Many of them make scrumptious fondue; just give them a quick chop before melting.

When it comes to the velvety base, strike a balance by combining heavy cream and milk, ensuring a luscious fondue that maintains a rich chocolate essence without overwhelming heaviness.

No fondue pot? No worries! Whip up this perfect chocolate fondue in the microwave or a double boiler on the stovetop. This chocolate fondue stays smooth and dipable long enough that it doesn't need a fondue pot. Just using a warmed ceramic dish works great. Reheat in the microwave if needed. Bamboo skewers stand in nicely for fondue forks.

THE EASIEST CHOCOLATE FONDUE

Yield: 8 servings

Total Time: 15 minutes

10 ounces semisweet, dark or milk chocolate chips (about 1 3/4 cups) or a mixture

1/2 cup heavy cream

1/2 cup whole or 2% milk, plus more as needed

Pinch kosher salt

Place the chocolate chips, 1/2 cup of heavy cream and 1/2 cup milk into a microwave safe bowl, or in a double boiler over barely simmering water. Melt the chocolate, stirring often. Add additional milk if needed to thin chocolate to desired consistency. When chocolate is melted, smooth and glossy, pour into a serving bowl and serve with dippers.



Indulge in a pool of velvety chocolate, surrounded by an array of delightful dippers.

With our velvety chocolate fondue prepared, let's choose dippers. Aim for diverse textures and flavors, organizing them into categories for a delightful variety.

Cookies and other sweets: rolled wafers, biscotti, meringues, sandwich cookies, shortbread, marshmallows, brownies, Rice Krispie Treats, pound cake, graham crackers, doughnut holes.

Fresh and dried fruit: strawberries, bananas, apples, pineapple, orange segments, apricots, citrus peel, banana chips, apple chips, figs.

Savory suggestions: thick-cut salted potato chips, pretzels, peanut-butter pretzels, buttery crackers, cooked thick-cut bacon.

Garnishes: flaky salt, shredded coconut, chopped toasted nuts, sprinkles, crushed freeze-dried fruit, Pop Rocks!

Here are some chocolate fondue variations that won't break the bank! Explore extracts like vanilla, orange or peppermint for a unique twist. Elevate the experience by adding 1 to 2 tablespoons of liqueur -- choose chocolate, hazelnut, amaretto, orange or coffee liqueurs. Spice it up by adding ground cinnamon, a pinch of chili powder and a drop of almond extract for a nod to Mexican chocolate.

Embarking on your first fondue adventure? Here are some etiquette tips to guide your chocolate-covered journey. Encourage a no-double-dip policy to ensure everyone enjoys a clean and germ-free chocolate experience. Drop the dipped delight onto your plate and switch to a separate utensil for eating. Opt for practicality if there are more than four people at the table by setting up two platters of dippers on either side of the pot, ensuring easy access without the need for acrobatics.

So, whether it's a romantic rendezvous or a solo indulgence, join me in chocolate fondue that's as easy as it is luxurious. Oh, and leftover fondue chocolate makes a fabulous hot chocolate base. Let the fondue festivities begin!

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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Spokane's Premier Lunar New Year Celebration Returns in 2024 - The Year of the Dragon Awaits

Spokane's United We Stand is delighted to announce the return of the city's largest Lunar New Year Celebration and the ANHPI Business Expo for 2024.

— Spokane's United We Stand —



Spokane's United We Stand is thrilled to announce the third Annual Lunar New Year Celebration, welcoming the Year of the Dragon. This culturally vibrant event is scheduled for February 24, 2024, at the Spokane Convention Center.

Celebrating Spokane's Asian heritage, this year's event stands as a tribute to the city's diverse cultural tapestry. It symbolizes unity and highlights the significant contributions of Spokane's Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities.



Thanks to overwhelming community support, the celebration continues to expand. This year's festivities will unfold at the Spokane Convention Center – Exhibit Hall A, starting at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2024.

The event will feature live cultural performances, Lion and Dragon dances, the Third Prince, Money Gods & Goddesses, children's craft stations, cultural exhibits, interactive displays, a photobooth, and food & tea sampling.

Additionally, 5,000 red envelopes containing over \$20,000 in gift cards from local businesses will be

distributed, embodying good luck and prosperity for the new year.



"We're immensely grateful to the Spokane community for their support over the past two years," said Vina Cathcart, event committee co-chair. "The Lunar New Year celebration allows us to honor our history while embracing the community spirit that defines Spokane today. With the event's growth, we're excited to return to the Spokane Convention Center, anticipating even larger celebrations into the future. We aim to continue providing a platform for our talented local ANHPI businesses and artists to engage and showcase their incredible work and talents with the Spokane community."

This year's event will host over 100 vendors, and the first 500 attendees will receive a swag bag filled with New Year treats!

The event is free and open to all ages. We warmly invite the entire Spokane community to join us in celebrating cultural diversity and our shared history. Let's welcome the Year of the Dragon with joy and community spirit.

We look forward to seeing you there — Chúc mừng năm mới and Gong hei fat choy!

For more details, please visit: www.SpokaneUnitedWeStand.org



Spokane's United We Stand is a multicultural community organization with the purpose of uniting Spokane and the many Asian communities through education, shared cultural experiences, positive engagement, and volunteer opportunities.

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other dogs and all people including children. I should be in a home without chickens or cats! I do love to go for runs so somebody that was an active outdoorsman or runner would be my ideal partner in life. Wouldn't you like to be my Valentine?

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Flock Together for the Great Backyard Bird Count

*Share the joy of birding with
others during this global event*

— Cornell Lab of Ornithology —



"I've grown to totally love something so simple as watching birds. I now have a relationship with nature I never had before. It's like my eyes are suddenly open."

Marlene Koslowsky, longtime GBBC participant

New York, NY, Ithaca, NY, and Port Rowan, ON—Fun for one becomes multiplied when birders join forces for the annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). Participating with friends, family, or a community group means there are more eyes to spot the birds and a deeper well of knowledge to draw from. Knowing where birds are seen—and not seen—is more important than ever during this El Niño year, and as climate change weather fluctuations influence bird movements.

The 27th annual Great Backyard Bird Count is taking place February 16 through 19, 2024.

More than an estimated half-million people participated during the 2023 GBBC. They reported more than 7,500 species of birds from 200+ countries.



Young birdwatchers. Photo left by Sharon Cleveland; right photo by Madeleine Laurent, GBBC.

"The GBBC gets bigger every year and that's such a positive thing," said David Bonter, co-director of the Center for Engagement in Science and Nature at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. "It's well established that time spent in nature is good for us. We also would not be able to track the long-term changes in bird populations without the eyes and ears of all our enthusiastic participants. The world is changing fast, and birds often reflect the impact of environmental change first."



Winter wren by James Davis, Macaulay Library, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

"Participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count is an easy and great opportunity to bird with your

friends and neighbors," said Brooke Bateman, senior director of Climate and Community Science at the National Audubon Society. "Birding with others is a great way to share in the love of birds and learn new skills. Nothing matches the spark of joy in a new birder's face when they identify their first bird. We invite everyone from all across the globe to make this a tradition with friends and family."

Birds have been in the news a lot during the past year. Flamingos up in Wyoming. First-ever sightings of a Red-flanked Bluetail in New Jersey, and a Cattle Tyrant in Texas, among others. Ornithologists speculate the birds may have been blown off course by increasingly fierce storms. The weather will also be influenced this year by the El Niño phenomenon.



Barred owl by Matt Boley, Macaulay Library, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

"Strong El Niño conditions this year could bring surprises to the 2024 Great Backyard Bird Count," said Patrick Nadeau, President and CEO of Birds Canada. "Temperatures are likely to be warmer which could have an effect on the timing of spring migration and influence food availability. There may be more sightings of unusual visitors wherever you're looking for birds."

To take part in the 2024 GBBC, each participant or group counts birds for any length of time (but for at least 15 minutes) and enters the birds they could identify at each site they visited. That could be their backyard, but it could also be a park, a wilderness area, apartment balcony, or a neighborhood street.

First-timers should make it a point to read complete instructions on the GBBC website where they will also find helpful birding tips and birding app downloads. The GBBC website also features a new map for marking local GBBC community events. Birders can join up to help celebrate birds in their hometown. <https://www.birdcount.org/community-map/>



Spruce grouse by Simon Boivin, Macaulay Library, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

You're also invited to tune in to a special webinar about how to participate in the GBBC being held Thursday February 13 at 1:00-2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. It's free. The webinar will include a representative from Riverland Audubon Center in Missouri and an educator who will provide suggestions for GBBC-related activities. Register: <https://bit.ly/47zPdIU>.

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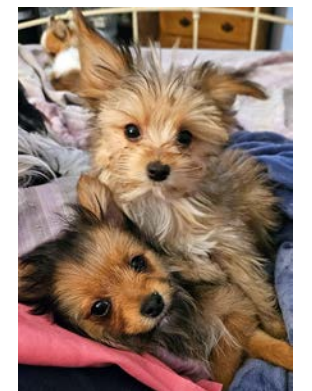
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— Companions Animal Center —



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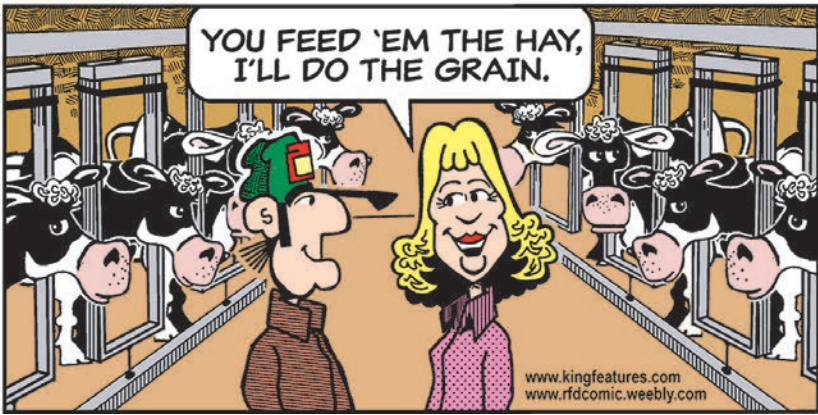
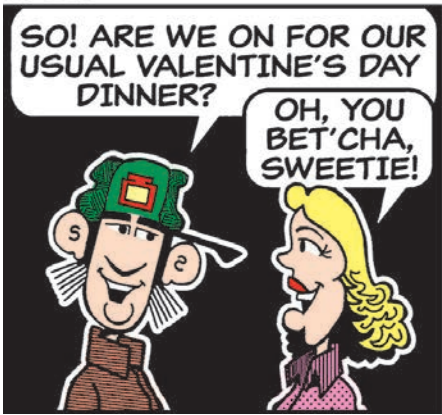
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What Women Need to Know About Stroke Risks

— Family Features —



(Family Features) It may not be widely known that women face unique risk factors for stroke throughout their lifetime. Things like pregnancy, preeclampsia and chronic stress can increase the risk for high blood pressure, a leading cause of stroke.

Cardiovascular disease, including stroke, is the leading cause of death among women, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and 1 in 5 women will have a stroke. However, a large majority of strokes can be prevented.

Caring for yourself by understanding your risk factors can help reduce your risk for stroke and provide a better quality of life. Start managing your stroke risk with these tips from the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association:

Monitor Your Blood Pressure

The first step you can take in reducing your risk for stroke is knowing your blood pressure and keeping it in a healthy range. High blood pressure is the No. 1 preventable cause of stroke, according to the American Heart Association.

The best way to know your blood pressure is to have it measured at least once per year by a health care professional and regularly monitor it at home then discuss the numbers with a doctor. For most people, a normal blood pressure should be 120/80 mm HG or less.

In addition to properly monitoring blood pressure, maintaining a healthy weight, being physically active, eating healthfully and reducing or eliminating alcohol and tobacco usage can help control blood pressure. If you do develop high blood pressure, work with a health care professional on a plan to help manage it.

Plan for Pregnancy

In the United States, high blood pressure during pregnancy is becoming more common, according to the CDC, and medical conditions including preeclampsia, gestational diabetes and blood clots during pregnancy all increase stroke risk during and immediately following a pregnancy.

Managing conditions like high blood pressure before getting pregnant helps keep you and your baby healthy during pregnancy and beyond. In addition, your health during and immediately after a pregnancy can shape the lifelong health of you and your child. If you're planning to become pregnant or are currently pregnant, it's important to regularly monitor your blood pressure.

Take Care of Your Mental Health

Some stress is unavoidable but constant stress is not healthy. Chronic or constant stress may lead to high blood pressure and other unhealthy behavior choices, which can increase risk for stroke.

Based on findings in a Stress in America 2020 survey conducted by the American Psychological Association, the top sources of stress are money, work, family responsibilities and health concerns. Managing your stress and blood pressure can improve your overall health and well-being. Reclaim control of your schedule and build in time to invest in your health. Find 10 minutes every day to do something for you, like listening to music, meditating or going for a walk.

Learn the Warning Signs

A stroke can happen to anyone at any point in life. Immediate treatment may help minimize the long-term effects of a stroke and even prevent death. Learn how to spot a stroke F.A.S.T:

- **Face drooping** – Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?
- **Arm weakness** – Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **Speech difficulty** – Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence like "The sky is blue."
- **Time to call 911** – If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 911 and get to a hospital immediately. Check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared.

Talk to your doctor about ways to improve your well-being and help prevent stroke. Find more wellness tips at stroke.org.



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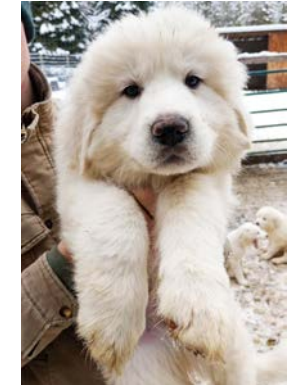


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Conventional chemical pesticides are less and less effective these days and all-natural versions are turning out to be a better solution. Credit: Pexels.com.

Dear EarthTalk: What are some all-natural ways to control insects and rodents?
– P.L., Trenton, NJ

Natural pest control has become increasingly popular given the slew of health and effectiveness issues with conventional pesticides derived from synthetic chemicals. Since synthetic pesticides became popular after World War II, toxic chemicals have infiltrated nearly 90 percent of U.S. waterways. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Americans carry around some 43 different pesticides in their bloodstreams. These chemicals can trigger a wide range of symptoms, like nausea, vomiting and headaches, and cause bigger health problems like lung damage, cancers and reproductive issues. These pesticides are especially dangerous to kids, who are typically less resilient to the chemicals. Out of all the cases of pesticide poisoning in the U.S., around half are in kids under the age of six.

And these pesticides aren't always 100 percent effective. They often can't get rid of entire infestations as they are unable to target pests at every stage of their life. A pesticide might target adult fleas but not be able to target flea eggs. In some instances, pesticides can make issues worse, like spurring ant colonies to divide into multiple colonies and increase reproduction. Bugs can also grow resistant to certain pesticides.

So, what are some other options to deal with pests besides spraying toxic chemicals? One strategy, integrated pest management (IPM), focuses on preventing infestation before it starts and only uses pesticides as a last resort. The main tenets of IPM include preventing vermin from entering the home, keeping the home clean, picking your battles by only killing dangerous bugs, and going green by killing or trapping pests without using pesticides.

There are a few natural pest repellants that you may have already in your home. Dish soap can keep ants away and be sprayed where ants have been seen in your house. Lime and lemon juice keep spiders away, and salt can get rid of fleas. Vinegar also works well at keeping away many types of pests, including ants, fruit flies and mosquitos. Mixing vinegar with an orange peel, tea tree oil or lemon rind oil will make it even stronger. But if you already have a major infestation in the home, these remedies usually won't make them go away. These are more preventative measures to stem the chances of pests infiltrating your home.

Finding effective natural repellents on the market can be tough. Natural repellents that avoid synthetic chemicals and instead use active ingredients like lemongrass or rosemary oil are regulated differently than other repellent products. Because the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) deems the chemicals used in natural repellents harmless, they do not test them for effectiveness. This loophole allows companies that sell natural repellents to avoid needing to prove that their product actually works. There are plenty of ways to limit pesticide use, and natural ingredients are a great option to prevent pests from entering your home. However, when looking for "natural repellants" on the market, be sure to do your research to be sure what you are buying will actually work.

CONTACTS: Control Household Pests Without Scary Poisons, <https://www.nrdc.org/stories/control-household-pests-without-scary-poisons>; 9 Best Natural Pest Control for Bugs, Rodents, and More, <https://www.grove.co/best/natural-pest-control>; Using spiders as environmentally-friendly pest control, <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2023/02/230216172211.htm>; 10 Natural Pest Control Remedies for Your Home, <https://www.familyhandyman.com/list/natural-pest-control-remedies-for-your-home>.

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Community Calendar

Musical Mystery Tour, Saturday, February 17th, 4pm, at Spirit Lake Library, 32575 N 5th Ave. Local musician Brad Sondahl presents stories through popular music and folk tunes spanning many eras.

Safety Fest of the Great Northwest, Wednesday-Friday, February 21st-23rd, various times, at North Idaho College Workforce Training Center, 525 S. Clearwater Loop, Post Falls. This annual event over (3) days offers free safety training, certifications, workshops and health classes for the public! Who should attend? General industry, mining, transportation, healthcare, manufacturing and construction professionals as well as any business or community member. All are welcome.

9th Annual Seed Swap, Saturday, February 24th,


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Beginning Birding, Saturday, February 24th, 10:30am-12:30pm, for ages 13+. Presented by CdA Audubon at CdA Library, 702 E Front Ave. A six-hour course, presented over (3) consecutive Saturdays will introduce participants to bird-watching. Learn how to identify bird groups and individual species using tools/ resources. Registration required.

2nd Harvest Food Distribution, Wednesday, February 28th, 11am-1pm, at Christian Life Fellowship, 1045 C St., Plummer. Non-perishable and fresh items will be offered to those in need of food (up to 250 families) at this drive-thru event.

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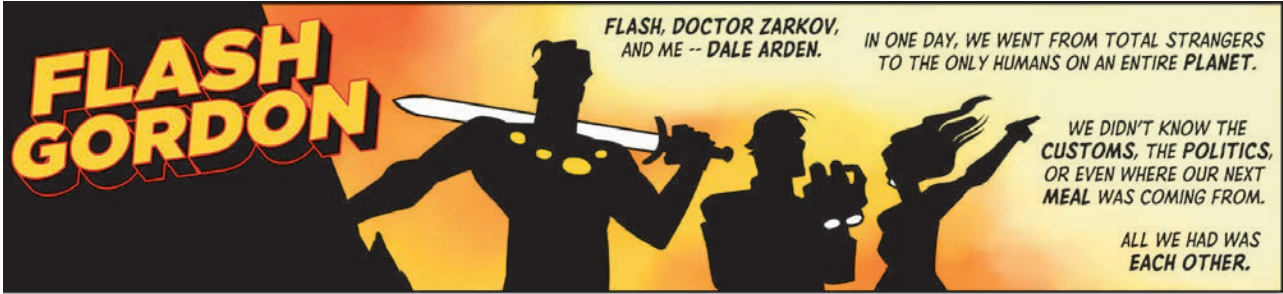


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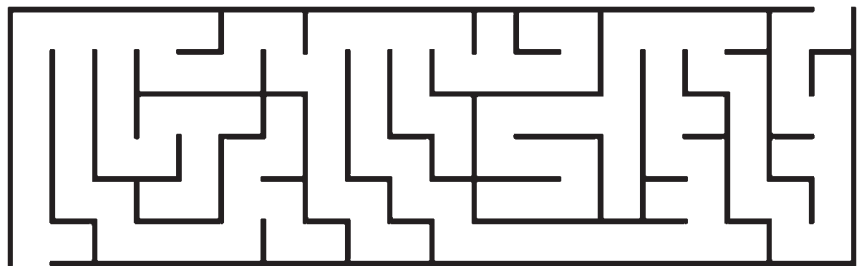
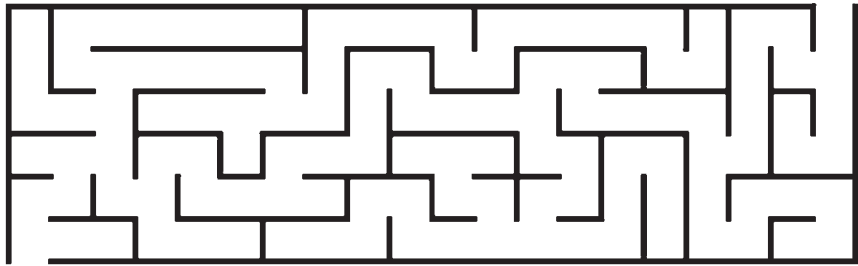
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This isn't true Italian-made ricotta, but it's an easy, delicious version. Just boil milk, cream and salt, and add lemon juice or vinegar. Then gather 'round the pot with your kids and watch it curdle. Within a half-hour of draining away the whey in a separate bowl, you'll have lovely ricotta with a mild, sweet flavor and light consistency for use in a favorite Italian recipe or for spreading on crackers and toast sliced from a baguette -- a sure winner at a Super Bowl party!

HOMEMADE RICOTTA

Makes about 1 1/4 cups

- 4 cups whole milk (not ultra-pasteurized)
- 1 cup heavy cream (not ultra-pasteurized)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice or white wine vinegar

To prepare the sieve for draining: Set a fine sieve or colander lined with a double thickness of cheesecloth over a deep bowl.

To prepare the ricotta mixture: Combine milk, cream and salt in a large pot, and bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Watch carefully. Just as mixture reaches a boil, turn off heat, remove from burner and stir in lemon juice. The mixture will separate and curdle. Let it set for about a minute.

Pour into the cheesecloth-lined sieve and let the watery whey drain into the bowl. Discard the liquid that drips through.

Let the curds continue to drain for about 25 minutes, until cool. The longer it drains, the thicker the ricotta will be.

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Idaho Fish and Game staff in the Panhandle are beginning annual efforts to deploy GPS collars on elk and moose calves

To most folks, the notion of riding in a helicopter to locate, capture and place a GPS collar on an elk or moose seems like something only seen in movies or nature documentaries. For many Fish and Game staff, it's another day on the job, and it's all done with the goal of understanding and managing big game populations to provide continued hunting opportunities for sportsmen.

When asked why the information is important, Barb Moore, Regional Wildlife Biologist in the Panhandle Region replied, "When an animal has a collar on it, we learn so much about habitats it uses, when and where it moves and if it dies, what caused it to die. All of this allows us to make informed decisions

when it comes to season setting, tag numbers and predator management."

Here in the Panhandle Region, collars will soon be deployed with a particular focus on moose and elk calves.

Why focus on calves, you may be asking? Collar data on adult cow elk and moose over the past several years have indicated that across the state, their survival is relatively high and stable from year-to-year. The story is quite different for elk and moose calves who survive at a much lower and more variable rate, which is true for most animals during their first year of life. Variation in survival can affect a population's ability to grow or even remain stable. Monitoring calf survival over time gives Fish and Game a more complete understanding of what might be driving changes in elk and moose abundance and allows them to better predict how the population will do in the future.

Specific to moose, the biggest piece of information missing is how well calves survive from 6 to 12 months of age. Understanding what happens in that six-month time window will hopefully shed some light onto what is limiting moose populations in Idaho.

Biologists are planning to deploy around 50 collars between moose and elk calves this year. Getting collars out isn't easy and doesn't always go according to plan. Depending on weather conditions, the effort may take several days and up to a week, so if you see or hear a chopper in the mountains, you know Fish and Game staff are still at it!

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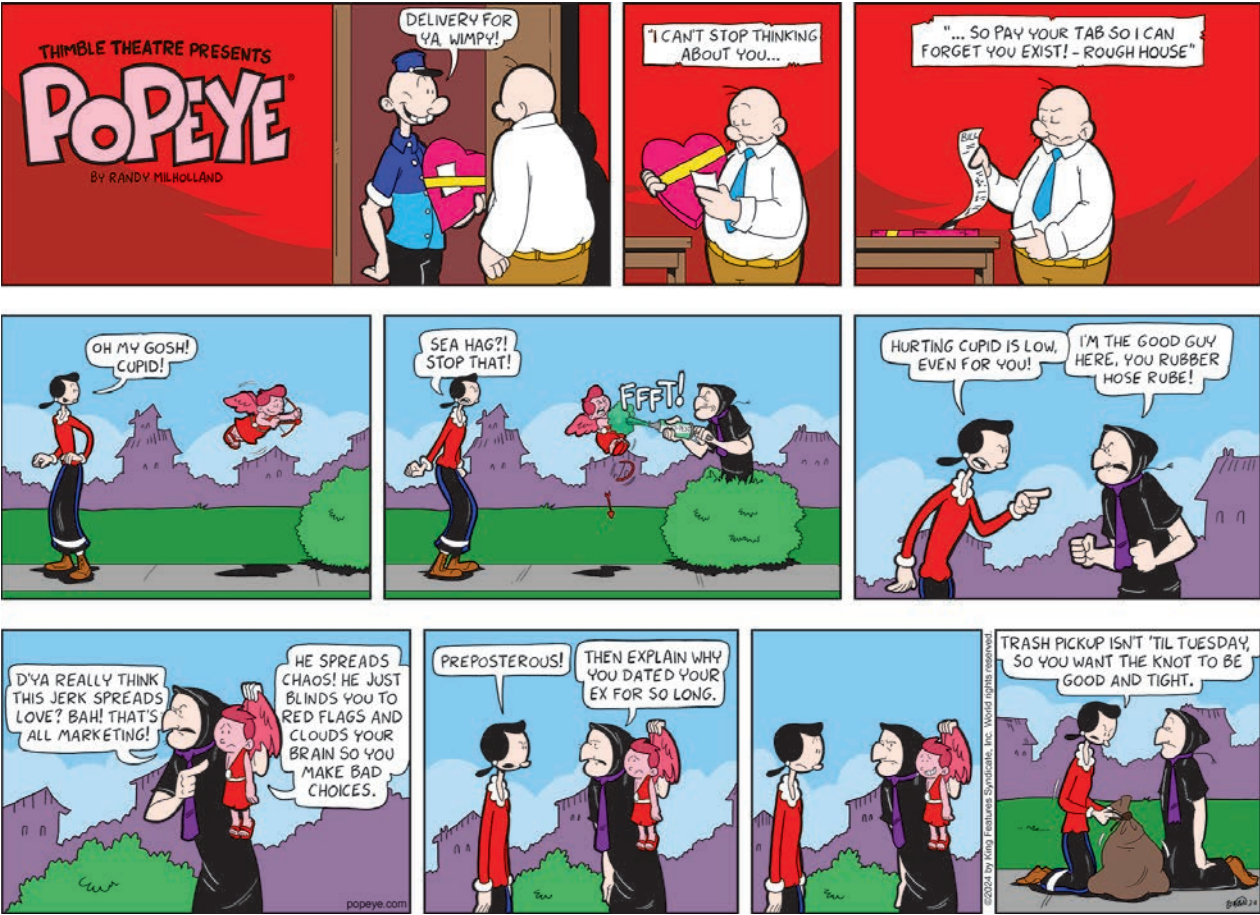
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