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3. MOVIES: Which actor plays himself in the movie "Zombieland"?
4. HISTORY: Which U.S. president authorized the Indian Removal Act, which forcibly relocated Native Americans?
5. BIOLOGY: How do plants take in oxygen and carbon dioxide?
6. TELEVISION: What's the name of the bar in "The Simpsons"?
7. MUSIC: Which pop singer refers to her fans as "little monsters"?
8. ANATOMY: Where is the deltoid muscle in the human body?
9. FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient in the Greek dish moussaka?
10. LITERATURE: Who wrote the children's book "Where the Wild Things Are"?

- Answers*

 1. Sea of Azov.
 2. Apple.
 3. Bill Murray.
 4. Andrew Jackson.
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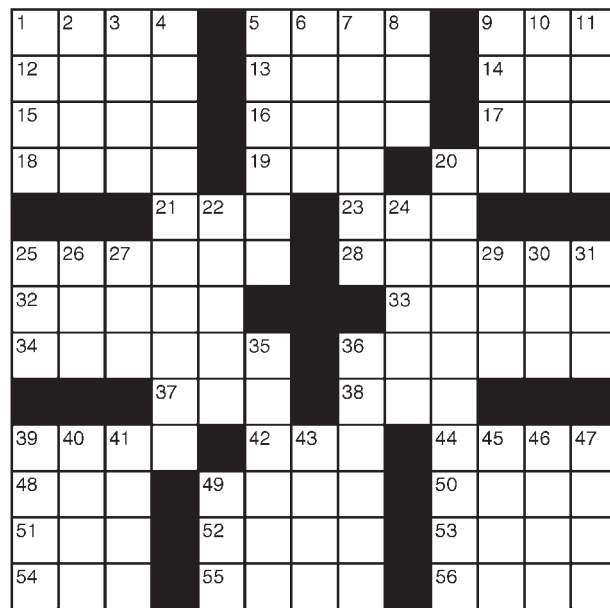
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- ACROSS**
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 - 5 Old name for France
 - 9 Microwave
 - 12 Top-of-the-line
 - 13 Golden Rule preposition
 - 14 "As I see it," in a text
 - 15 Lady of Spain
 - 16 Teen fave
 - 17 Stannum
 - 18 Out of control
 - 19 Pool unit
 - 20 Faction
 - 21 Humorist
 - 23 Follower (Suff.)
 - 25 Cerebral
 - 28 Car safety feature
 - 32 Tree bumps
 - 33 Unfettered
 - 34 Closed tight
 - 36 Outlaw
 - 37 Summer in Paris
 - 38 Flavor enhancer, for short
- DOWN**
- 1 Baby's father
 - 2 Leeway
 - 3 Part of A.D.
 - 4 Easily swayed
 - 5 Culpable
 - 6 Forever — day
 - 7 Perfect place
 - 8 Texter's guffaw
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 - 20 Coerces
 - 22 Map feature
 - 24 "The Da Vinci Code" monk
 - 25 Small ammo
 - 26 Wish undone
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 - 30 "— was saying ..."
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Community Calendar

Intro to Beekeeping, 5pm-6pm Thursday, Jan. 8th and 22nd, at St. Maries Library, 32575 N. 5th Ave. Hank Ausmus will inform participants about basic equipment, honeybee biology, techniques to improve hive quality, disease/ mite prevention, honey production and over-wintering. More info, 208-416-1003.

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Now in its 50th anniversary year, the Banff Film Festival continues to inspire audiences around the world with stories of courage, connection, and the call of the wild. Spokane has proudly hosted this event for more than three decades, making it a beloved local tradition for outdoor enthusiasts, storytellers, and adventurers alike.

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Spokane Symphony Masterworks: Symphonic Dances

Saturday, January 17 at 7:30pm and Sunday, January 18 at 3pm at The Fox Theater

Bernstein's music from *West Side Story* burns with the intensity and romance of his urban retelling of Romeo and Juliet. Creston's Fantasy for Trombone showcases the expressive power of the Spokane Symphony's own John Church. The evening's finale, Rachmaninoff's Symphonic Dances, will leave the audience thrilled and breathless.

Spokane Symphony Chamber Soirée

Wednesday, January 21st at 7:30pm and Thursday, January 22nd at 7:30pm at The Historic Davenport Hotel

Set in the opulent Historic Davenport Hotel, small ensembles play some of our musician's favorite works of familiar composers with a few new discoveries along the way.

Table seating includes wine and light fare from the Davenport Hotel kitchen. Gallery seating includes concert ticket only.

The Simon & Garfunkel Story

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Using photos and original film footage, *The Simon & Garfunkel Story* features a full live band performing all the hits including 'Mrs. Robinson', 'Cecilia', 'Bridge Over Troubled Water', 'Homeward Bound' and many more.

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Theresa Caputo Live! The Experience

Thursday, January 22nd at 7:30pm at The Fox Theater

For more than a decade, Theresa Caputo—known worldwide as the Long Island Medium—has touched the lives of millions of fans, comforting supporters when they need it most. Through personal life stories, candid humor, and intimate details about her gift to communicate with those who have passed on, the beloved television personality and best-selling author delivers healing messages to her audience, reassuring them with the revelation that their deceased loved ones are still with them—just in a different way. Recognized as one of the most renowned mediums for over 20 years, Theresa Caputo Live: The Experience is the awe-inspiring event you won't want to miss.

Brad Williams: The Tell Tales Tour

Friday, January 23rd at 7pm at The Fox Theater

Pound for pound, Brad Williams is the funniest comedian in the country right now, and has become one of the most in-demand comedians working today. Williams started doing stand-up comedy as a teenager and has been touring successfully ever since, routinely selling out prestigious venues all over the country and world.

Anjelah Johnson-Reyes

Saturday, January 24th at 7:30pm at The Fox Theater

Anjelah Johnson-Reyes is one of the most successful stand-up comedians today with six comedy specials streaming on various platforms and selling out theaters across the world. Her most recent special, Say I Won't, debuted on YouTube in May 2023 with over 7.1M views and counting.

Spokane Youth Symphony Presents: The Strength of Music

Sunday, January 25th at 4pm at the Fox Theater

The Spokane Youth Symphony, formed nearly 75 years ago, is designed to provide its students with large group performance opportunities as well as chamber music experience. The youth orchestra program allows students to enhance their musical skills by interacting with other musicians of varying abilities and performing music they find challenging yet attainable.

The Spokane Symphony Masterworks: Stolen Melodies

Saturday, January 31st at 7:30pm, and Sunday, February 1st at 3pm at the Fox Theater

Jess Walter, *New York Times* best-selling author, brings us his own witty, irreverent, and lyrical take on Britten's "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" (aka "The Inland Northwesterner's Guide to the Orchestra").

In the first half of this program, we hear haunting interpretations of works written by earlier composers, including Vaughan Williams, who borrowed a theme from the 16th century English composer, Thomas Tallis, and *Trauermusik*, performed by symphony Principal Viola, Nick Carper.

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National Houseplant Appreciation Day
January 10th
— National Day Calendar —



One of the best ways to enhance a space is by adding house plants. The busy holidays cause many of us to neglect some of our regular routines, including houseplant care. National Houseplant Appreciation Day on January 10th serves as a reminder to give your houseplants a little extra attention to keep them thriving.

Those with green thumbs know that having houseplants come with several benefits, some of them are even backed by science.

Houseplant Benefits

- **Boost productivity** - Some studies have shown that indoor plants may improve productivity and performance in the workplace and in school.
- **Reduce anxiety** - Caring for plants provides therapeutic benefits. Similar to outdoor gardening, indoor gardening may help to ease the symptoms of depression, anxiety, and dementia.
- **Reduce air pollutants** - In 1989, NASA published a study that showed plants may improve the air quality for indoor spaces. Since we all know from elementary science that plants consume carbon dioxide and produce oxygen, this study makes sense. The more plants you have the more effective they are at improving air quality. Specific plant species are more effective than others, too. For example, Boston ferns, spider plants, ficus, rubber trees, and bamboo palms clean the air more effectively than other plants.
- **Improved humidity** - Especially in dryer climates and in the winter months, when plants release moisture into the air they improve the humidity in a room. Humidity enhances a home's comfort level, and we also breathe easier when the humidity in our homes is balanced. Also, plants are prettier than humidifiers.

Houseplants offer much to be appreciated, as you can see. Beyond these benefits, houseplants bring the outdoors inside where it can be enjoyed all year

long. They fill our homes with color.

You don't have to have a green thumb to care for houseplants, either. Start with forgiving plants such as pathos, philodendron, sansevieria, or spider plant. These plants will bounce back if you forget to water them and won't whine if you accidentally overwater them.

How To Observe Houseplant Appreciation Day

During National Houseplant Appreciation Day, give your plants some love. Check their soil, make sure their roots are happy, and maybe talk to them. We also suggest:

- Adding to your plant collection.
- Pruning overgrown plants and offering the cuttings for trade.
- Joining a plant group. These groups help plant lovers to troubleshoot plant problems. They also offer plant swaps for cuttings and full-sized plants.
- Buying a plant for the first time. Be sure to select plants that are not harmful to pets and children.
- Taking a class. You can learn how to care for plants, access resources, and improve your understanding of horticulture.
- Sharing photos of your plant collection.

Be sure to join the conversation by using #HouseplantAppreciationDay on social media.

National Houseplant Appreciation Day History

The Gardening Network founded National Houseplant Appreciation Day in 2012 to help keep houseplants thriving through the winter months. The day also honors all the benefits of growing houseplants.

Houseplant FAQ

- Q.** Do houseplants require a lot of care?
A. Most houseplants do not require a lot of care. They primarily need water, light, and occasional fertilizer. As they grow, they may require pruning or repotting.
- Q.** Are succulents easier to grow?
A. Many succulents are easy to grow. Overwatering is usually an issue for succulents. The key is to let the soil dry out between waterings and then give them a good drink of water. The soil shouldn't always be wet. Light requirements vary but succulents flourish when they are warm and receive consistent light. So place your succulent near a well-lit window or under a lamp that is on at least 6 hours per day.
- Q.** I have a lot of plants. Is there a good way to organize them?
A. Plant lovers know that organizing plants can be tricky. It's important to make sure all the plants receive the right amount of light and are easy to access for care. One way to do this is by placing the plants on a tiered rack. A baker's rack is ideally suited to this purpose.

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By Patti Diamond

Super Foods on a Shoestring: Eating Well for Less Than \$1 a Serving

When food prices rise, many people assume that eating well is the first thing that has to go. But some of the most nourishing foods in the grocery store are also the least expensive and they've been quietly holding the line for years.

You don't need specialty products, protein powders or a long ingredients list to feed yourself well. You need a short list of reliable foods that are affordable, versatile and easy to use.

cabbage works roasted, sauteed, shredded into salads or added to soups and stir-fries.

Carrots: Affordable year-round and naturally sweet, carrots add nutrition, color and substance to meals.

Frozen Vegetables: Frozen vegetables are picked at peak ripeness, often cost less than fresh and help reduce food waste.

Plain Yogurt: Plain yogurt is economical and versatile and can be used for breakfast, sauces, marinades, baking or as a sour cream substitute.

Seasonal Fruit: Apples, oranges and bananas remain some of the best values in the produce department.

Now, here's an easy recipe that brings several of these foods together.



These pantry staples still deliver big nutrition for about a dollar a serving or less.

EVERYDAY BEAN, VEGETABLE & GRAIN BOWL

Yield: 4 servings

Total Time: 40 minutes

4 large eggs, hard- or soft-boiled

1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil

3 cups frozen mixed vegetables

3 cups cooked rice or other grains (brown rice, barley, farro or quinoa)

3 cups cooked beans or lentils (about 2 15-ounce cans), drained and rinsed

1/2 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Optional Toppings:

A pinch of garlic powder, cumin or smoked paprika

Plain yogurt or sour cream

Lemon wedges or a splash of vinegar

Fresh or dried herbs

Place eggs in a single layer in a saucepan and cover with cold water by 1 inch. Bring to boiling, then cover and remove from heat. Let sit 6 minutes for soft-set yolks or 10-12 minutes for hard-boiled. Drain and transfer to cold water to stop cooking. Peel when cool.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the vegetables and cook until tender, 5 to 8 minutes. Stir in the rice and beans and season with salt and pepper. Cook until everything is heated through.

Divide the mixture among four bowls. Top each serving with an egg and finish with any optional toppings you like.

This is the kind of flexible, affordable meal that adapts to what you have and keeps you happily full.

Eating well doesn't require perfection or expensive ingredients. It requires choosing foods that work as hard as you do. When your pantry is stocked with affordable, nourishing staples, healthy meals become easier and far less expensive. And that's a habit worth keeping all year long. Happy New Year!

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. Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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Community Calendar

Western Territory Staff Songsters, Saturday, January 24th, 6pm, presents a free concert at Kroc Center Community Wing, 1765 W. Golf Course Rd., CdA. An inspiring gospel group entertains, featuring renowned vocalist Barbara Allen and voices from Salvation Army churches. All are welcome!

2nd Harvest Mobile Market, Tuesday, January 27th, 11am-1pm, at Hayden Library, 8385 N. Government Way. Up to 250 families in need will receive fresh and non-perishable food items at this drive-through event. No appointment needed.

Stop the Bleed Training, Tuesday, January 27th, 4pm-6pm, for all ages at CdA Library, 702 E Front. Presented by Medical Reserve Corps of North Idaho and Panhandle Health District. Learn how to save

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Day Out for the Blind Free Social Club, dancing and live band every Friday, 10:30am-1:30pm, at 1502 E. Holyoke, Spokane, WA. Music, dancing, refreshments. Info., 509-484-8082.

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How to Cut Medication Costs Without Cutting Corners

A health care insider shares tips for staying well and financially grounded, even in a tough economy

— Family Features —



As the cost of living continues to rise, many Americans are being forced to make difficult financial decisions – weighing whether to pay rent, get groceries or fill prescriptions. Skipping medications might seem like a quick way to save money, but this can lead to serious health risks and even higher costs down the road.

In fact, research shows 27% of Americans skip prescriptions each month due to cost. More than half of Americans who filled a prescription this year said the cost felt like a financial burden, with 1 in 3 people cutting back on essentials like food or clothing to afford their medications.

These trade-offs highlight just how important it is to find practical, affordable ways to stay on treatment. Fortunately, there are proven strategies to help individuals stay current with their medications without breaking the bank. Cindy George, MPH, a senior personal finance editor at GoodRx and nationally recognized health journalist, shared expert advice to help consumers and their families improve their health care cost literacy, reduce expenses and stay healthy without overspending.

Understand the True Cost of Medications

Many people assume the pharmacy counter price is non-negotiable, but in reality, the cost of the same medication can vary significantly depending on the pharmacy or use of available savings tools.

“Many people don’t realize there is no single price for a prescription,” George said. “Costs can vary by upwards of \$100 from one pharmacy to the next, even in the same ZIP code. Understanding how to compare prices and find the most affordable option is incredibly valuable. Just like travel sites show you different options for airlines or hotels and their associated expenses, prescription price comparison sites show how much your medication costs at each pharmacy and provide you with available savings.”

By entering the medication name, along with dosage and ZIP code, individuals can quickly compare prices in their area using GoodRx. Using the website or app, you can explore alternative forms of a medication and get suggestions to help you talk with your doctor or pharmacist about more affordable options.

When Insurance Falls Short, You Still Have Options

Today, only about half of all prescriptions are fully covered by insurance without restrictions. Many have conditions, such as step therapy, quantity limits or prior authorizations, that can lead to delays or higher costs at the pharmacy counter.

“Even insured individuals are struggling to keep up with health care costs,” George said. “More and more are finding themselves underinsured, and that’s making basic health care harder to afford – and harder to access – for millions of families.”

That’s why comparison shopping is increasingly important for people in the U.S. Even those with

Medicare or Medicaid may benefit from cost comparisons. For that reason, George said it’s smart to look at all your options, including price comparisons at different pharmacies.

“Cost comparison tools can help people find lower prices on both generic and brand-name medications, regardless of their coverage status,” she said.

While these resources are not a full replacement for health insurance, they can be a helpful way to reduce medication costs and avoid unexpected surprises at the pharmacy.

Build Confidence Through Cost Literacy

Cost literacy is about more than just looking up prices. It involves understanding how insurance works, what’s included in a plan’s formulary, how to interpret billing documents and how to challenge costs that seem too high. According to George, “health care cost literacy” is one of the best investments you can make in your overall financial well-being.

“Improving your health care cost literacy starts with being aware of your options and asking the right questions,” she said. “Learn the basics, like what a premium, deductible or copay means, and review your insurance plan’s benefits and covered medications.”

George recommends starting with trusted tools that break down health care costs and terminology.

“Tools like the GoodRx Guide to Drug Costs, Coverage and Savings, cost estimators from hospitals and insurance plans and State Health Insurance Assistance Programs – known as SHIPs – for Medicare can help you better understand and manage costs,” she said. “If something is unclear, don’t hesitate to ask your provider, pharmacist or insurance representative to walk you through your bills or Explanation of Benefits.”

Simple Strategies Can Add Up

Small adjustments in how medications are filled can make a major difference over time. George recommends a few consistent strategies that can reduce out-of-pocket costs:

Always compare prices, including your insurance copay. “People assume their insurance copay is the best deal for accessing a medication at the lowest cost, but that’s not always true,” George said. “It’s important to compare prices upfront to ensure you’re taking the most affordable option.”

Uncover brand-name savings programs. Many pharmaceutical companies offer copay cards or patient assistance programs that can dramatically reduce your costs for brand-name or specialty medications.

Explore generic medications, if available. Generic medications typically cost less than their brand-name counterparts. Check with a health care professional before opting for a generic, because there might be specific reasons the brand-name version was prescribed.

Consider a 90-day supply. For chronic conditions, ask a health care professional whether you can switch from a 30-day supply of medication to a 90-day supply, since this is often cheaper per dose.

Try delivery. Ordering through a mail-order pharmacy can add convenience and, in many cases, offer lower prices, particularly for ongoing prescriptions.

Stay Grounded in Your Health – and Your Finances

Rising health care costs can feel overwhelming, but knowledge and planning go a long way. By building confidence through cost literacy, comparing prices and using tools to explore savings opportunities, consumers can remain in control of both their care and their budgets.

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PCSK9i Drugs Are Reasonable Alternatives to Statins

DEAR DR. ROACH: In a recent column, you wrote about reducing cholesterol levels with the help of statins along with a PCSK9i, such as Repatha or Praluent. My question is: Are these PCSK9is at all beneficial if one cannot take statins? -- D.C.S.

ANSWER: Yes, PCSK9 inhibitors are very effective at lowering cholesterol and reducing the risk of heart attacks in high-risk people. Because these drugs are given by injection and are quite expensive, they are not usually the first-line treatments. We have decades of experience using statins, so they remain the first choice for most.

However, if a person cannot take a statin, or one of the alternatives such as bempedoic acid, then PCSK9i drugs are a very reasonable choice. In people with familial high cholesterol and extraordinarily high levels of cholesterol, combination therapy with two or three drugs (a statin, a PCSK9i and sometimes ezetimibe) is frequently used.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My wife had COVID and has lost most of her smell and taste. This has lasted for two years. She is in her late 70s. Strong flavors like barbecue sauce and onions can be detected. Is there any hope that her condition will improve? -- P.M.

ANSWER: Most people recover their loss of smell after COVID. Having had this for two years is a bad sign; however, the fact that she does have some sense of smell is a good sign.

The most effective treatment for the loss of smell after a viral infection is olfactory training. The same scents that were used in clinical trials can be

purchased online. Recent evidence has shown that a supplement combination, ultramicronized palmitoylethanolamide and luteolin, along with olfactory training, led to greater improvement. The dose used in studies was 770 mg.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My adult daughter (62) was diagnosed about three years ago with a skin disorder called prurigo nodularis. Her dermatologist has tried three different injections, but they're not working. She still gets very itchy breakouts. Please give me your thoughts and more information about this. -- K.M.A.

ANSWER: Prurigo nodularis is an uncommon disease that affects about one person per 1,000. I have seen a handful of cases, and fortunately the cases I've seen have responded well to potent steroid creams.

Regular use of skin lotions, avoiding scratching especially at night (I recommend cotton gloves), and sometimes antihistamines like Benadryl are also the first-line therapies.

If a patient needs more effective treatment and only has a limited area of itching, then a dermatologist will often inject the area with a high-potency steroid. Since it sounds like this hasn't been successful for your daughter, there are other options.

One is a topical cream called ruxolitinib. About 45% of people responded to this treatment, compared to 20% who responded to a cream without an active drug. Ultraviolet light (narrowband ultraviolet B) showed about 80% effectiveness.

For people in whom none of these therapies work, a very expensive injection treatment, dupilumab (Dupixent) or a similar drug called nemolizumab (Nemluvio), can be used, although the response rate is not as good as desired (roughly 40%).

Since many people with prurigo nodularis have other skin diseases, and some may have (or develop) depression or obsessive skin-picking, these conditions may also need to be treated to successfully improve symptoms.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Community Calendar

Musical: "Alice By Heart," various showtimes, Friday Jan. 31st through Sunday Feb. 15th, at Lake City Playhouse, 1320 E. Garden Ave., CdA. When reality and fiction intersect, the pursuit of time becomes unavoidable for everyone; however, it is how we utilize the present moment that truly counts. *Alice by Heart* explores the beautiful madness of *Alice in Wonderland*, and the effects of WW2 on those trapped in London during the Blitz. Tickets at: www.lakecityplayhouse.org

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Automata Displays

It's difficult to escape holiday shopping, whether you're buying gifts, stocking up for dinner parties or just taking advantage of a sale. And stores make sure to entice you with flashy, tempting displays. Even if you're not a fan of the commercialization of the holidays, store displays can be works of art. But collectors of antique advertising have known this for a long time.

Window displays often have the most interesting images, the cleverest ideas and the latest technical effects. Look at this automaton, which sold for \$1,560 at Potter & Potter Auctions. It originally stood in the window of O.E. Day Jeweler and Optometrist, as written on its mirrored base. Dressed as a harlequin and holding a trumpet, the automaton resembles a medieval herald. When plugged in, it would have bowed to potential customers, offering a royal welcome to the store.

Q: I want to check the value of my vase. It is shaped like an urn with two handles on the sides and raised pictures of people and trees. There is a cupid flying above them. It is marked "F. & A. G." on the base.

A: It sounds like your vase is based on the Portland vase, a famous ancient Roman vase. Many potteries made copies of it in the 18th and 19th centuries. The most famous and most valuable copies are made by Wedgwood. The mark on your vase was used by the Austrian pottery company of Gerbing & Stephan (located in the present-day Czech Republic) from about 1900 to 1903. The initials stand for brothers Friedrich and Alexander Gerbing, who were running their family's company at the time. The company made majolica, a tin-glazed earthenware pottery, in styles inspired by ancient history, often with historical or mythological scenes. Today, their vases sell for about \$150 to \$200.

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Bank, ice cream freezer, barrel shape, crank handle, raised lettering, Save Your Money, And Freeze It, painted, cast iron, 4 inches, \$35.


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Clothing, moccasins, leather, multicolor beading, stylized beaver and flowers on toe, black velvet cuff, blue trim, cotton lining, Iroquois, c. 1915, 10 inches, \$125.

Textile, panel, embroidered, gold thread, multicolor accents, two peacocks, leaves, flowers, cream Southeast Asian style, frame, 20th century, 24 1/2 x 82 inches, \$500.


Lamp, kerosene, Rubina glass, threaded texture, flared ruffled shade, round base, applied ribbed handle and petal feet, 8 1/2 inches, \$1,440.

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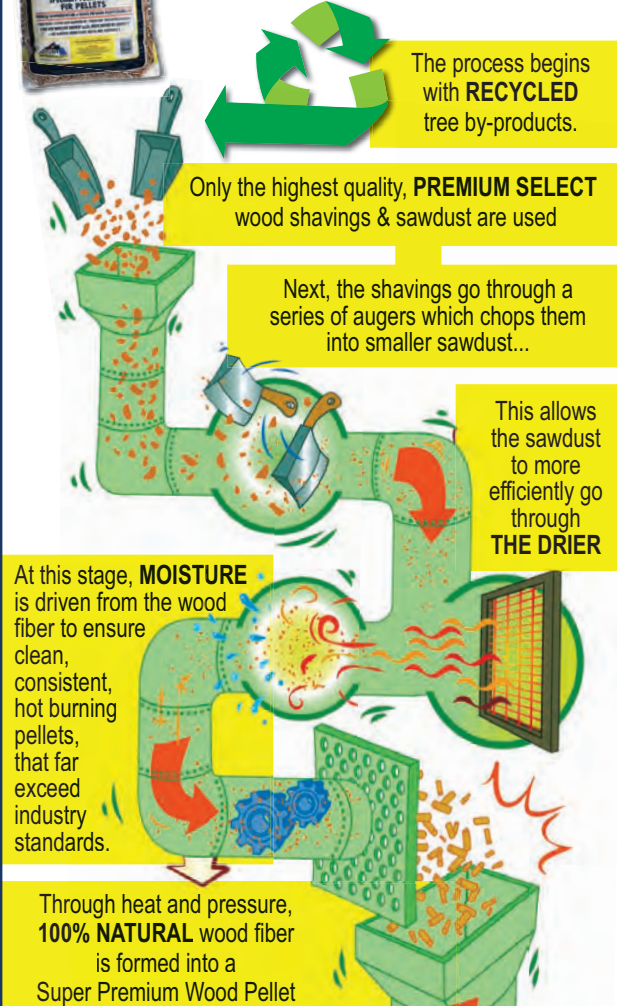
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Lunar New Year

The Lunar New Year, as observed in East Asian cultures, occurs on the first day of the first lunar month, not on a calendar date. It is celebrated in China, North Korea, South Korea, Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia and many other countries. Festivities include parades, fireworks, exchanging gifts and, most importantly, family reunions and traditional meals.

Each year is associated with one of the twelve zodiac animals. The animals that belong to the zodiac can vary among cultures and are usually based on which animals are native to the region. The most common is the Chinese zodiac, which has been used for over 2,000 years. It consists of the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and pig.

These animals play important roles in mythology and folklore. They also appear in decorative arts. This cloisonne charger, which sold at Keystone Auction LLC for \$500, is effectively an illustration of the zodiac cycle. All 12 animals are pictured around the rim, in order, counter-clockwise, separated by panels with flowers.

Q: Can you tell me if my Singer sewing machine has any value? It has a red eye decal design and a treadle "drop down" cabinet. There are several patent dates on the machine starting with 1900-1910. It's from the G series: G5350458. It's in good condition.

A: Singer made the G series sewing machine in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Your serial number is for model number 44, made in 1917. According to the International Sewing Machine Collectors' Society, Singer used the "Red Eye" or "Red Head" decal, officially named "Scroll (red)" for its gilt scrolls and red shapes, between 1902 and 1923 on machines made in the U.S. These machine models were part of Singer's 66 class, which were made in both hand and treadle machines. We have seen this model of sewing machine sell for anywhere from about \$50 to



The Chinese zodiac is a cycle of 12 signs, represented by the animals pictured on this cloisonne charger. Each Lunar New Year moves into the next sign.

\$300. Working condition and the presence of accessories increase the value.

TIP: Some disciplined collectors have a rule: Add a new piece to the collection only if you can get rid of a less desirable old one.

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Friday Community Meals, 5:30pm every Friday, True North Church, 10583 N. Government Way, Hayden. Enjoy a free, home-cooked meal. All are welcome every Friday evening. Offered because meals are more than just nourishment; they are a reminder that no one is forgotten, and everyone deserves a place at the table.

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every Sunday afternoon.

Monthly CdA Art Walk, every 2nd Friday, 5pm-8pm, downtown CdA. A free and fun evening for all ages visiting galleries, watching artists at work, and hearing musicians serenade the crowds. Enjoy pop-up art displays, complimentary beverages and food, and the local hospitality vibe. Visit: www.artsandculturecda.org/artwalk-1 for more info. and map.

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Using and Strengthening the Immune System To Prevent Cancer

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have read about using the immune system's response as a mechanism to battle cancer (such as brain and pancreatic) and to reduce the devastating impact that cancer and its treatment has on humans. I understand current drug trials show promising results. How do doctors and scientists use the immune system to treat cancer? -- J.W.

ANSWER: The concept of using the immune system to treat cancer is old, but the ability to do so has dramatically improved in the past few years. There are a few specific types of treatments that I'd like to highlight:

Immune checkpoint inhibitors are treatments that release inhibitions on the immune system. (These "strengthen" the immune system, which has beneficial but also potentially toxic effects.) For melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer, these treatments have revolutionized treatment and led to dramatically improved outcomes in people whose melanoma has spread. Response rates are up to 60% in a disease where the prognosis used to be dismal.

The unleashed immune system can destroy cancer very effectively, but it also can attack healthy organs, with many people (between 10% to 60% depending on drugs and doses) developing damage to the skin, lungs, liver, thyroid, colon and heart. These toxicities range from mild to life-threatening.

The body's own immune cells can be genetically engineered to kill cancer cells. Chimeric antigen receptor T cells (CAR T cells) can be specifically

changed to recognize cancer cells. This can lead to complete remission with some cancers, especially some leukemias and lymphomas. Unfortunately, they can also attack the body, leading to neurological damage that can be very serious.

Developing cancer vaccines is a highly promising strategy for personalizing the immune system to attack a person's own cancer. Although the United States has recently made dramatic cuts to its support of this research, researchers in other countries continue to study this. It can be used in combination with other traditional or immune-based treatments.

The immune system can be used to help treat cancer effectively, but there is still the potential for serious side effects.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 89 years old and doing reasonably well, but I have noticed some loss of energy and a bit of my balance. I try to walk, do some exercises, and then hit the hot tub every day to help relax my joints. I recall reading an article about a study, which concluded that 15 minutes in a hot tub equated, cardio-wise, to a 15-minute jog. I would really appreciate your opinion on this proposition. -- J.D.

ANSWER: I read the study that I think you are referencing from Coventry, England, and the headline writers overstated the more cautious conclusions of the actual study. Being in a hot tub or sauna does increase the heart rate and the ability of the heart to exert itself when done daily for four weeks in people with heart failure.

Other studies have found that healthy volunteers also get small but significant improvements in their cardiac reserve, similar to (but not quite as much as) what would be expected with exercise.

The benefits of exercise are well-known and large and go beyond the effects of the heart, while the benefits of regular hot-tub or sauna bathing appear to give some but not all the benefits of regular exercise. At age 89, there is a risk of heat-related injuries, including lightheadedness and falling, so I would urge caution for new users not to use too high of a heat or stay in for too long, especially when first starting.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Some of the best game day grub is hearty and savory but adding layers of flavor and texture can take recipes to the next level. For example, these Burger Bowls feature all the classic ingredients of a great burger, just without the bun. A tasty option for gluten-free guests or those who are cutting carbs, the bowls are made with Dandy Iceberg Lettuce from Duda Farm Fresh Foods, which boasts a legacy of quality, innovation and consistency in fresh produce cultivation since 1926.

Pulled pork, another tailgating treasure, gets an instant upgrade with the crunch of a fresh coleslaw topper and zesty pickled celery and jalapenos on the side. The winning play is to use crisp, fresh celery for the best flavors and a satisfying crunch with every bite. Since celery is 95% water and high in fiber, it leaves fans feeling comfortably full and ready to root for their favorite team.

This season, keep your snacks fresh and healthy while winning prizes like product coupons and gift cards to stock up for the next game through the Dip It to Win It Sweepstakes. Visit dudafresh.com to learn more and find additional game day recipes.



Pulled Pork Sandwiches with Pickled Celery and Jalapenos

Recipe courtesy of TheAdventureBite.com

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 10 hours

Servings: 9-10

- 4 1/2 pounds pork shoulder or Boston butt
- 26 ounces sweet and spicy barbecue sauce
- 1/2 tablespoon garlic
- 1/2 tablespoon fresh cracked black pepper
- fresh sandwich buns
- Dandy Celery, cut and pickled
- jalapenos
- coleslaw (optional)
- potato salad (optional)
- baked beans (optional)

- Place pork in slow cooker.
- Mix barbecue sauce, garlic and pepper. Pour over pork shoulder.
- Cook on low 8 1/2-10 hours or high 6-7 hours.
- Shred meat and serve on buns with pickled celery and jalapenos. Top with coleslaw, if desired. Serve with potato salad or baked beans, if desired.



Burger Bowls

Recipe courtesy of CasadeCrews.com

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 4

Burger Bowls:

- 2 cups French fries, homemade or frozen
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 1 pound ground beef or ground turkey
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- Dandy Iceberg Lettuce, shredded
- 2-3 Roma tomatoes, diced
- pickle chips or spears, chopped
- cheddar cheese, shredded

Burger Sauce:

- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard or yellow mustard
- 1 tablespoon pickle juice
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika

- To make burger bowls: Cook French fries according to package directions.
- In medium skillet over medium-high heat, heat olive oil. Add onion and saute until translucent, 5-7 minutes. Add ground beef to skillet, breaking up meat with spatula. Add Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, paprika, salt and pepper; brown until cooked through. Drain and discard excess liquid and grease.
- To make burger sauce: In jar, mix mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, pickle juice, Worcestershire sauce, onion powder, garlic powder and paprika well to combine.

- Assemble bowls with layer of shredded lettuce, 3-4 ounces ground beef, diced tomatoes, pickles, cheddar cheese and 1/2 cup fries.

- Drizzle with burger sauce and mix well.

Tip: Burger sauce can be made in advance and stored in refrigerator in jar with airtight lid.

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Consider Winter Tires

When temperatures drop below 45 F, winter tires maintain flexibility and road grip, contrary to all-season tires that don't perform as well in these conditions. Winter tires are designed for better traction and stopping power in ice, slush and snow.

Change Out Seasonal Wheels and Rims

Swapping summer or all-season tires for winter ones will ensure your vehicle has the best traction possible, but that's just part of the story. Slippery, wet and icy roads mean vehicles tend to skid and lose control, striking curbs and other objects that scratch, dent and scuff. Snow and winter wheels are a smart way to protect summer rims from snow, ice and road-clearing chemicals like salt.

Protect Offseason Tires

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locations, where stores help preserve the condition of tires, handling tire rotations, inspections and maintenance when it's time to change the winter tires back.

Maintain Target Air Pressure

The impact changing temperatures have on your tire pressure can create numerous issues, including poor handling, worse gas mileage, excessive wear and overloading. Prevent problems by checking your air pressure at least once a month when your tires are cool and before any long trip. For every 10 F in ambient temperature change, tire air pressure changes 1 PSI (pound per square inch). That means you need to check your tires more frequently as temperatures fluctuate and settle into lower winter levels.

Check Tread Depth Regularly

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Practice Good Tire Maintenance

Taking care of your tires ensures you get the longest life and best wear. Most experts recommend rotating your tires every 6,000 miles. Knowing the age of your tires, which can be found by looking at the DOT number stamped on their sidewalls, is important since tire rubber becomes harder and more brittle as it ages, increasing the risk of failure.

Choose Tires Wisely

Selecting the tires that are best suited for where you drive, how you drive and what you drive helps protect you and your passengers, ensuring your vehicle is prepared for winter weather. When shopping, consider using an online tire guide like Treadwell, which provides personalized recommendations on the best tires for your driving needs. Find the tool online at DiscountTire.com/Treadwell.

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Community Calendar

Free Community Meal, every month, 4:30pm-6:30pm, 2nd Friday, provided by Bestowing the Basics & The Country Boy Cafe, 6160 E. Hwy 54, Athol. All are invited (event is not associated with need), so gather with family and friends to connect and enjoy the delicious food and desserts. Complimentary meals provided thru March.

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Community Calendar

ArtWalk, 5pm-8pm Friday, Jan. 9th, in downtown CdA. What a perfect time of year to browse 15+ galleries/shops! Watch artists at work, sample goodies. The event is held the 2nd Friday of each month.

History Hour with Stephen B. McCrea, Wednesday, January 14th, 5:30pm, Coeur d'Alene Library, 702 E. Front Ave., CdA. Former CdA City Councilman and retired attorney will talk about Thomas Kerl who was concerned about U.S. involvement during WWI and anti-German behavior, resulting in the suppression of Kerl's and others' rights which permeated all levels of society in the early 20th Century. The program is presented by Museum of North Idaho.

Kindergarten Bootcamp, Thursday, January 15th, 11am, at Spirit Lake Library, 32575 N. 5th Ave For ages 4-5 and their parents or care-providers. Hands-on experiences are based on developmental stages is the focus. Questions? Call 208-772-5612.

Bridal Tour And Special Event Fair, Saturday, January 17th, 10am-3pm, two Post Falls locations: Trailhead Event Center, 12361 W. Parkway Drive; and Jacklin Arts & Cultural Center, 405 N. William Street. Meet vendors to do planning all in one day. Free admission!

Warning Signs for Caretakers, Saturday, January 17th, 4:30pm-5:30pm, at Athol Library, 32575 N. 5th Avenue. Memory Caretakers Distinctive Memory Care hosts a class for caretakers, discussing warning signs and behaviors of dementia, along with sustaining healthy minds/ bodies.

USAF Clarinet Quartet, 3pm Sunday, January 18th, at Jacklin Arts & Cultural Center, 405 N. William St., Post Falls. Reserve free seats at: <https://thejacklincenter.org/events-2/>

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Paws to Read, Wednesday, January 21st, 10:30am-noon, at CdA Library, 702 E. Front Ave. Provides young readers a chance to read story books to the listening ears of a therapy dog. All ages are welcome in the children's library.

2nd Harvest Mobile Market, Wednesday, January 21st, 11am-1pm, at Christian Life Fellowship, 1063 C St., Plummer. Up to 250 families in need will receive fresh and non-perishable food items at this drive-through event. No appointment needed.

Advanced Care Planning Workshop, Wednesday, January 21st, 1pm-2:30pm, for veterans at Coeur d'Alene VA Clinic, 915 W. Emma Ave., Room CDA-159. In case of serious injury or illness, create advance directive documents such as "Durable Power of Attorney" and a Living Will. Gain understanding of healthcare decisions and share concerns with other veterans. Provided by I CARE/U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs. Register by calling 509-434-7983.

Family Paint and Sip, Friday, January 23rd, 9am and 11am, at CdA Library, 702 E. Front Ave. Gather in the Community Room for a paint party. Step-by-step instructions provided and led by librarian. Geared to ages 4-10. Read more at <https://cdalibrary.org/events/>.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up by City of Post Falls, Saturday Jan. 24th. By appointment only. Call 208-457-1820 (Republic Services). All decorations must be removed and pieces no longer than 7 feet. Tree only; no garbage pick-up.

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Pets of the Week: Prince and Max

— Better Together Animal Alliance—



Meet Prince! This striking 7.5 -year-old, nearly 65-pound mixed-breed boy is as smart as he looks. With his bright eyes and alert expression, Prince is always ready for fun-whether that's running around, chasing his toys, or relaxing by your side on the couch. He's a clever pup who knows several commands and loves showing off his skills. Prince thrives on playtime and companionship, but he also appreciates having his own space to decompress. Because of this, he'd do best as the only dog in the household. He can be sensitive to loud noises, so a calm and quiet environment will help him feel secure. His history with cats is unknown. If you're looking for a loyal companion who's both playful and affectionate, Prince may be the perfect match. Come meet him today!



Meet Max! This jet black, big-boned beauty is an absolute treasure. At eleven years old, he's met 'em all: cats, dogs, kids; and he loves each and every one of them! No matter what you need, whether it's a long conversation, a good cuddle, or just a friendly face at the end of a long day, he'll be your shadow through all of it. He'll even hunt down those pesky mice for you, if you've got any. Swing by BTAA today to say 'hello' to Max, and he'll say it right back!



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Pets

Pets of the Week: Kita and Bruce

— Companions Animal Center —



BLUE HEELER MALE Pups ready Jan. 17th with first shots and deworming. Looking for active homes that can challenge their incredible intelligence. Potty training started. \$300; online photos at nickelsworth.com. Text or call 208-818-4965

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Kita – 5-year-old domestic shorthair female

Kita is an older girl who would love a quiet, adult only home. She has lived with another cat. It is unknown how she does with dogs.

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Bruce – 1.5 year-old Pit/Mastiff male

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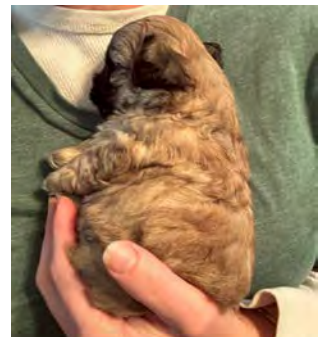
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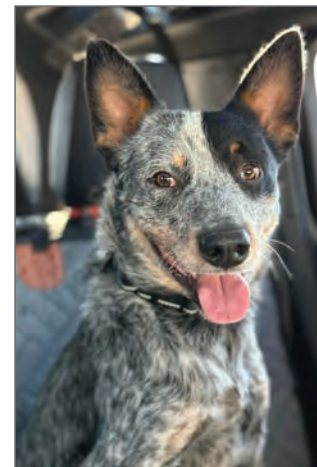
BASSET MIX PUPPIES (3 left), \$300. Also, mom (1.5 year old) needs a home, \$100. 208-208-8821

Pets of the Week: Frosty & Freckles and Hooch

— Second Chance Pet Rescue —



trained and great with all people and other dogs. We both chase cats, but Frosty will quit when commanded. We are looking for individual families to love us and take us on all your outdoor adventures and snuggle with us on the couch at night.



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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Health & Wellness / Community Service	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Spring Business Card Book	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9 Garden Issue	10 Good Friday	11
12	13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 Home Improvement Issue	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Summer Business Card Book	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Outdoor Issue	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Independence Day observed			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				NW Dream Car Contest		
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				Cutest Pet Voting		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				Cutest Pet Winners Announced		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
						5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day			Fall Business Card Book		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				Hunting Issue		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Columbus Day					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				Halloween Coloring Contest Winners		Halloween

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Daylight Saving Time Ends		Election Day		Salute to Veteran's Issue		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Veteran's Day			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Local Shopping Issue	Thanksgiving		
29	30					

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Winter Business Card Book		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Christmas Eve	Christmas	
27	28	29	30	31		
				New Year's Eve		

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— Mrs. Brown's Kitchen via Monica Thomas —



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Fortunately, we live in the Age of Information, and "Content Creators" online are more than happy to share their favorite tips, tricks, and do-it-yourself projects in exchange for a few 'likes' on their pages.

I recently stumbled upon Mrs. Brown's Kitchen online. She shares her favorite recipes that have eliminated her need to buy the heavily processed, chemical-laden stuff at the store. Her recipes and videos have gained massive popularity and she's even released a cookbook.

You'll notice the following four recipes are all salt free! It isn't for dietary purposes in her kitchen; she simply finds she enjoys the richer flavor of the seasonings themselves without it being overloaded with that typical salty flavor found in most store-bought season packets. But how fortunate for those of us who have to be a little more attentive to our sodium intake! So go ahead; salt to your preferences!

For broths, start with 1 tablespoon per 1 cup of water. To use as a general seasoning, as Mrs. Brown often says, "Measure with your heart."

For her onion soup mix, she has found that one fourth cup equals a typical pouch or packet of the store-bought stuff.

Community Calendar

Musical: "Dream Roles and Miscasts," Friday-Sunday, Feb. 13th-15th, presented by Aspire Community Theater. at the Kroc Center, 1765 W Golf Course Rd. CdA. Every performer has a character they'd love to play or a song they ache to sing. Sometimes those roles and songs aren't within a performer's reach—either the character is written for the opposite gender, or the performer is typecast another way. *Dream Roles & Miscasts* is going to shake that concept up!

CPR/AED First Aid Class, Saturday, February 21st, 9am-1pm, at Spirit Lake Fire Station, 32182 6th Avenue. For adults and children, learn how to help save lives with basic first aid skills. Email admin@spiritleakefire.com or call Ann at 208-623-5800 to reserve a spot.

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Chicken Bouillon

- 1 cup nutritional yeast flakes
- 3.5 tablespoons oregano
- 3.5 tablespoons basil
- 3 tablespoons garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons onion powder
- 2 tablespoons parsley
- 1 tablespoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 tablespoon celery seed

Vegetable Bouillon

- 1/2 cup nutritional yeast flakes
- 1.5 tablespoons onion flakes
- 1/2 tablespoons black peppercorns
- 1 bay leaf

(At this point, Mrs. Brown suggests grinding the above into a fine powder, then adding the remaining ingredients)

- 1.5 tablespoons garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seed

Beef Bouillon

- 3/4 cup dry mustard powder
- 1/3 cup paprika
- 1/3 cup garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons chili powder
- 3 tablespoons onion powder
- 1 tablespoon celery seed

Onion Soup Mix

- 3/4 cup dehydrated onion flakes
- 5 tablespoons of beef bouillon mix (above)
- 3 tablespoons onion powder
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- 4 teaspoons celery seed

Ukulele Club of Coeur d'Alene. Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 10am-noon. One hour free lesson starting at 10am, then we start our jam at 11am until noon. Oakcrest Mobile Home Park at the Clubhouse, 1859 W. Marlborough, off Ramsey and Dalton. All levels welcome. If you have any questions, call Linda 208-691-9524 or Dan 509-951-9242.

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One-pot recipes streamline prep, cooking and cleanup, leaving you with more time to enjoy your meal and less time spent scrubbing dishes. This dish is fast, flavorful and destined to become a weeknight favorite.

ONE POT LEMON GARLIC SHRIMP

Yield: 4-6 servings

Total Time: 30 minutes

16 ounces uncooked shrimp (41-60 size), thawed and peeled

1 fresh lemon, see note below*

3 tablespoons butter

4 cloves garlic, minced

1/2 cup red bell pepper, diced

2 cups long-grain white rice

2 cups chicken broth

1 1/2 cup water

1 teaspoon Old Bay Seasoning

2 tablespoons chopped parsley (optional)

Prep the Ingredients: If using frozen shrimp, thaw and peel before starting.

*Zest the lemon, reserving the zest. Slice lemon in half, juice half the lemon (about 2 tablespoons juice) and slice the other half for garnish.

Saute the Garlic and Rice: Heat a deep skillet over medium heat. Add butter and garlic, and red pepper, sauteing until fragrant (1-2 minutes). Stir in the rice and continue sauteing for another 1-2 minutes until the rice begins to toast lightly. You might hear a faint crackling sound.

Add Liquid and Seasoning: Carefully pour in the chicken broth, water, lemon juice and half the lemon zest. Stir in the Old Bay and parsley. Give everything a good stir to combine.

Cook the Rice: Cover the skillet with a lid and bring the mixture to a boil over medium-high heat.



One skillet, endless flavor!

Once boiling, reduce the heat to low and let it simmer for 12 minutes.

Add the Shrimp: After 12 minutes, most of the liquid should be absorbed. Lift the lid briefly to scatter the shrimp across the top of the rice. Replace the lid and continue cooking on low for 5 minutes.

Let It Rest: Without removing the lid, remove the skillet from the heat. Let it rest for an additional 5 minutes. During this time, the shrimp will finish cooking,

becoming pink and opaque.

Fluff and Serve: Gently fluff the rice with a fork, mixing in the shrimp slightly. Garnish with the reserved lemon slices, lemon zest and a sprinkle of fresh parsley, if desired. Serve hot and enjoy!

To save time, use pre-minced garlic or frozen shrimp that's already peeled.

Want to switch up the flavors? Try Italian seasoning with a sprinkle of Parmesan for a Mediterranean twist, or black pepper and grated Parmesan for a cacio e pepe-style dish.

Craving spice? A dash of Cajun seasoning, or smoked paprika adds a bold kick. For a fresh take, toss in fresh dill and a touch of crumbled feta. Love warm, aromatic flavors? Stir in a pinch of curry powder and a splash of coconut milk for a subtle, creamy depth.

Or go zesty with lime juice, cilantro and a hint of chili for a vibrant, Southwest-inspired version.

The combination of tender shrimp, fluffy rice and bold seasonings -- whether it's zesty lemon and garlic, smoky Cajun spice or a Mediterranean twist -- makes this dish a winner. We hope you try your favorite variations and love it as much as we do!

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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Winter Storytelling Series Begins in Jan. at Travelers' Rest State Park

— Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks —

LOLO — Travelers' Rest State Park near Lolo will begin its Winter Storytelling Series on Saturday, Jan. 3 at 11 a.m. with a presentation by award-winning author and journalist, John N. Maclean. For nearly two decades, this storytelling series has been a seasonal celebration of the Séliš tradition of sharing stories during the cold winter months.

Each Saturday through March 14th, Travelers' Rest State Park with host stories from elders, authors, historians, and naturalists. Join in the programs at the visitor center or online following a Zoom link. Admission to the storytelling programs is free for those under 18 and members of Travelers' Rest Connection with a small fee for others. Find out more about this program and the complete series, including how to join in via Zoom: travelersrest.org/events/winter-storytelling/.

The first program is hosted by guest speaker, John N. Maclean, who will present online. Login from home or stop by the visitor center to watch the Zoom presentation. Maclean spent thirty years at the Chicago Tribune before taking up a second career as an author. Since then, he has written five nonfiction books about wildland fires. His newest book, *Home Waters: A Chronicle of Family and a River*, continues the family story begun in his father's book, *A River Runs Through It*. Illustrations from these two books, as well as the 100th anniversary edition of Hemingway's *Big Two Hearted River*, will also be on display at Travelers' Rest State Park from January 3rd- April 30th.

The one-hour programs run every Saturday beginning at 11am:

- January 10th: Stephen Small Salmon: Séliš Q̓ispé Stories
- January 17th: Lucy Vanderburg via Zoom: Traditional Stories
- January 24th: Austin Haney: Anglers Undaunted
- January 31st: Kirby Lambert: History of Montana in 101 Places
- February 7th: Sophia Etier: Black History of the Bitterroot
- February 14th: Tim Ryan: Indigenous Fishing TEK
- February 21st: Bruce Bugbee: Saving the Big Sky
- February 28th: Lee Silliman: Lewis & Clark Illustrated
- March 7th: Dan Hall: Discovering Travelers' Rest
- March 14th: Ramona Holt: 25 Years of Travelers' Rest State Park

Complimentary warm drinks and treats will be available at all programs. The visitor center will be open after the programs, from noon until 4pm.

Travelers' Rest is a significant site for Native Americans and a Lewis and Clark Expedition archaeologically verified campsite. The park hosts many public programs, such as the winter storytelling series. For more information, contact Travelers' Rest State Park (6717 Highway 12, Lolo) at 406-273-4253 or visit travelersrest.org under the events page.

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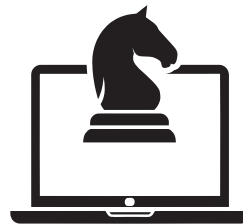
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The permits are issued each year through a lottery drawing and are required to float the 59-mile section of river between Camp Baker and Eden Bridge. Parties of up to 15 people can float with one permit. A person applying for a Smith River permit must be a minimum of 12 years of age at the time they submit their permit application. There is no age restriction to participate on a Smith River float trip.

Applicants can apply for a Smith River float permit online through the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Online Licenses Service. Successful Smith River applicants will be notified via email shortly after the permit drawing is conducted on February 18th.

Links within the notification email to successful applicants will allow them to download and print their float permit, as well as access important and detailed information regarding their Smith River float.

Those who receive a float permit will be contacted

by phone two days prior to their scheduled launch date to complete the registration process, which includes declaring boat camps and paying the appropriate float fees.

In addition to the permit drawing, the public may purchase as many Super Permit chances as they wish. Montana State Parks issues one Super Permit each year through a separate lottery. The recipient of the Super Permit will be allowed to launch on any date of their choosing for that float season.

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As a reminder, all float parties, private and commercial, will be required to pack out their human waste from the Smith River corridor, and floaters will need to pack portable toilet systems. Click here to see a list of FWP-approved, portable, hard-sided toilets that will be allowed. Alternative waste disposal systems, including bag systems, such as Clean Waste and RESTOP2, will not be allowed. Floaters can clean and sanitize their portable toilet system with a SCAT (Sanitizing Containers with Alternative Technology) machine, which has been installed at the Eden Bridge take-out.

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- ACROSS**
1 It turns litmus paper blue
7 Strip a disguise from
13 "— Baby" (#1 U2 album of 1991)
20 Arrive like the tide
21 Savage
22 Less dull
23 Rural lumber-jack resting after chopping?
25 Lounged around
26 Dreamcast producer
27 Get as clear profit
28 100-yr. period
29 Heap (up)
30 Trough for toting bricks
33 Extended cloth used for messy cold-weather meals?
38 Hostile force
40 Down food
41 Purple spring blooms
42 Wide-shoe letters
43 Spool
44 Gets firm
46 Produced a napped surface on
48 Chart showing the highs and lows of actress Ellen's career?
51 LP replacers
52 KGB's milieu
56 "— all over!"
57 Asian dress
58 Alex of "The Godfather"
61 Unit of work
62 Orioles great Ripken
63 Gp. for Qatar
64 Sea in 75-Across
65 "Now I see!"
67 Matchstick-removing game
68 Suffix with señor
69 Item pinned on to support a Russian poet's election to office?
72 Sarge, e.g.
73 Abbr. for a handy-andy
74 Mil. missions
75 Qatar locale
76 Lovers' deity
77 Still
78 Revise
80 Prepare to give a ring?
81 Horse father
82 Beijing-to-Shanghai dir.
83 Shot fluids
84 "— see it ..."
86 One of the Skywalkers dressed up as St. Nick?
89 Kind of pear
93 With skill
94 Fir's cousin
95 "Ender's Game" star
98 Unmoving machine part
99 Troop gp.
100 They negate
101 Afghan-wrapped football?
106 "Help!"
107 Guthrie at Woodstock
108 B-to-F string
109 Thai tongue
110 "Think of — a loan"
112 Foot lever
114 Clean a jack-o'-lantern with a Hoover?
120 More weighty
121 Alicia of ballet
122 Choose
123 Aden citizens
124 French edict site of 1598
125 Nail coater
28 Big name in shortening
30 Weedkillers
31 Singly
32 James Fenimore Cooper novel, with "The"
34 Grow wealthy
35 "I — Male War Bride"
36 History unit
37 Suffix of enzymes
39 Monogram in civil rights
44 Grab quickly
45 Departure
46 Most prickly
47 Trio less one
49 Crustacean such as a wood louse
50 Kudos
53 Features of cloudless days
54 Cuts, as pie
55 Far-off distance
59 Jewish mysticism
60 "McQ" actor
61 Speed skater Dan
65 Of a heart chamber
66 Shout of joy
70 State east of Colo.
71 Nuclear trial prohibition
79 Catch cold
80 Tartan skirt sporter
84 First Constitution section
85 Risen people
87 Galileo's gp.
88 Inclined (to)
90 Petition, e.g.
91 History unit
92 Light refrain
95 Disinterest
96 "No —!" ("Uh-uh!")
97 Glistening
99 Hall-of-Fame footballer Mel
100 Flower organ
102 Dry, white Italian wine
103 Strips for breakfast
104 Currency unit of Laos
105 Musical exercise
111 Lab safety org.?
113 Major racket
114 U-Haul rental
115 Capitalize on
116 Cal. dozen
117 — Jong-un
118 Suffix with chlor-
119 "— Blu Di-pinto di Blu" (1958 hit)

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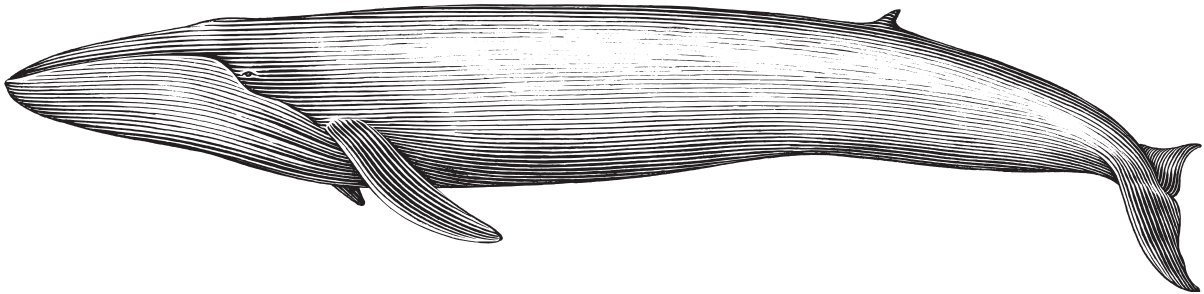
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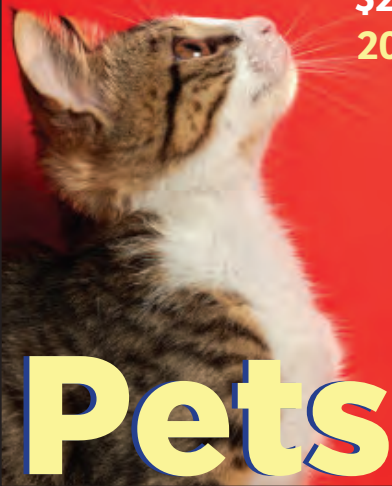
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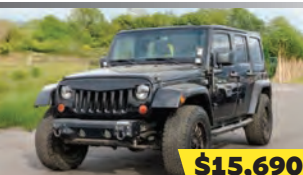
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Bring Leftovers Together in a Meatloaf Mash-Up

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We call it the all-in-one vegetable/potato/meatloaf because when you slice the main dish, the kids discover that everything is hidden inside -- everything, that is, except the salad and bread, which your guests could bring to complete this fabulous "let's get together" meal.

It's also the perfect solution for using holiday meal leftovers. Extra portions of mashed potatoes, peas and corn are the perfect ingredients to complete this recipe. Even the day-old dinner rolls are useful. They're all part of the mix.

OUTSIDE-INSIDE MEATLOAF MASH-UP

- Serves 8*
- 2 pounds lean ground beef
 - 2 eggs, slightly beaten
 - 2 cups fresh or packaged breadcrumbs
 - 2 tablespoon tomato paste
 - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

3 cups prepared mashed potatoes

1 cup cooked peas or corn

1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese

Ketchup or mustard for drizzling on top

Preheat oven to 350 F. In a large bowl, with very clean hands, let your child thoroughly mix together the meat, eggs, breadcrumbs, tomato paste, Worcestershire sauce and seasonings.

Place on a large sheet of parchment or wax paper and form a 9-by-12-inch rectangle. Use a rolling pin to make it even and smooth. Spread the potatoes over the meat with a spatula, leaving a 1-inch border all around. Top with vegetable and cheese.

With adult assistance, your child can roll up the large meatloaf lengthwise, lifting up the paper to get it started. Remove paper and place the meatloaf seam-side down on a foil-lined baking pan. Pat it together firmly, pinch ends closed, and drizzle ketchup or mustard on top.

Bake uncovered for 1 to 1 1/4 hours, or until completely done. Remove from oven and let rest for 10 minutes before transferring to a large serving platter for slicing.



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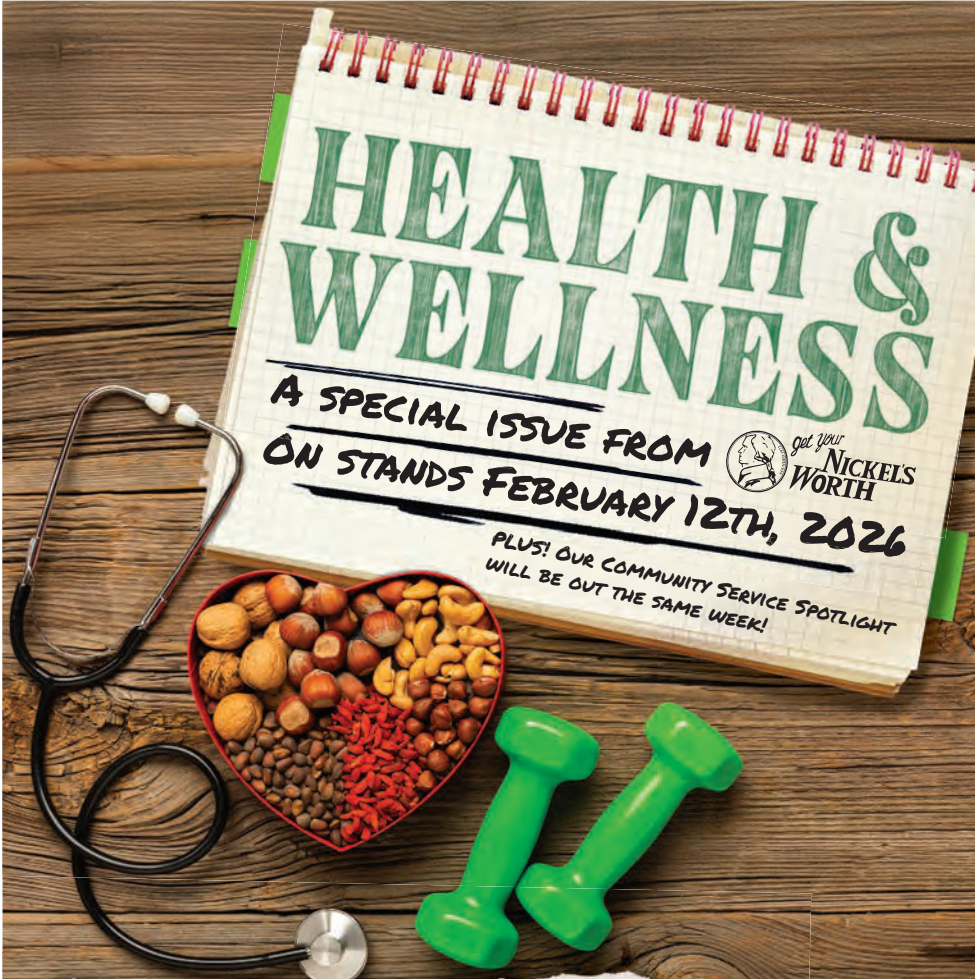
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I DON'T THINK I WANNA BE A YEAR.

WHY NOT?

IT WORKED OUT WELL FOR ME.

WOT'S ON YER MIND, ME OLIVE?

I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT THE NEW YEAR AND ITS POSSIBILITIES.

I'M ALWAYS SO NEGATIVE AND ANGRY. NO MATTER WHAT, I JUST SEE THE WAYS THINGS AREN'T GONNA WORK OUT.

THIS COMING YEAR, I THINK I WANNA TRY TO BE HOPEFUL AND NICER, AND SPREAD POSITIVITY.

THAT'S NICE, OLIVE!

WHAT ABOUT YOU, POPEYE?

I WANNA PUNCH SOMEONE NEW IN TH' FACE!

IT'S NO FUN IF YOUR GOALS ARE ATTAINABLE!

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The comic strip is a 6-panel sequence. Panel 1: Popeye, wearing a top hat and a swimsuit with '2025' on it, sits on a cloud. He says, 'I DON'T THINK I WANNA BE A YEAR.' A speech bubble from an unseen character asks, 'WHY NOT?'. Panel 2: Popeye is talking to a character who looks like a ghost or a skeleton, also wearing a '2025' swimsuit. The ghost says, 'IT WORKED OUT WELL FOR ME.' Panel 3: Popeye and Olive Oyl are in a snowy landscape. Olive, in a blue coat, asks, 'WOT'S ON YER MIND, ME OLIVE?'. Popeye, in a red coat, replies, 'I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT THE NEW YEAR AND ITS POSSIBILITIES.' Panel 4: Olive looks thoughtful and says, 'I'M ALWAYS SO NEGATIVE AND ANGRY. NO MATTER WHAT, I JUST SEE THE WAYS THINGS AREN'T GONNA WORK OUT.' Panel 5: Olive says, 'THIS COMING YEAR, I THINK I WANNA TRY TO BE HOPEFUL AND NICER, AND SPREAD POSITIVITY.' Popeye responds, 'THAT'S NICE, OLIVE!'. Panel 6: Popeye asks, 'WHAT ABOUT YOU, POPEYE?'. Olive replies, 'I WANNA PUNCH SOMEONE NEW IN TH' FACE!'. Popeye then says, 'IT'S NO FUN IF YOUR GOALS ARE ATTAINABLE!'. The comic is signed '©2025 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.' in the bottom right corner.

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