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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: Which of the major oceans is the saltiest?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which two primary colors mix to make the color purple?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Falkland Islands located?
4. MOVIES: What are the villains in the movie "Transformers" called?
5. LITERATURE: Hercule Poirot is a detective featured in more than 30 of which author's novels?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many olfactory receptors are in a dog's nose on average?
7. MUSIC: When did the Woodstock Music and Art Fair take place in rural New York state?
8. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear of speaking in public called?
9. U.S. STATES: In which state is the Rocky Mountain National Park located?
10. LANGUAGE: What is the most commonly used letter in the English alphabet?

- Answers**

  1. The Atlantic Ocean.
  2. Red and blue.
  3. South Atlantic Ocean.
  4. Decepticons.
  5. Agatha Christie.
  6. 300 million.
  7. August 1969.
  8. Glossophobia.
  9. Colorado.
  10. The letter "e."

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Hunters should also note that many of Montana's Block Management Areas (BMAs), even though they are open for upland bird or waterfowl through Jan. 1, do not allow deer or elk hunting during the muzzleloader heritage season. Make sure to check BMA rules before you hunt.

In addition, although some Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are open year-round, many other WMAs are closed through May 15. If you are planning to hunt on a WMA, see a list of WMAs and their seasonal closure dates here.

Hunters should check the hunting regulations to make sure they are compliant with all rules and regulations for this season. Hunters should also be aware that trapping seasons are open in several districts.

To watch a video about the rules of muzzleloader heritage season, click here.

Keep vigilant with grizzly bear awareness

Bears are still active in certain areas. All bears are potentially dangerous. Hunters should be prepared to encounter a bear. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

- Stay alert and look for bear activity, especially where visibility or hearing is limited (woods, bushy areas, streams).
- Travel in a group and keep members together (especially kids).
- Make noise whenever possible to avoid surprising a bear, especially where visibility or hearing is limited.
- Carry bear spray close at hand and know how to use it.
- Avoid traveling at night, dawn or dusk.
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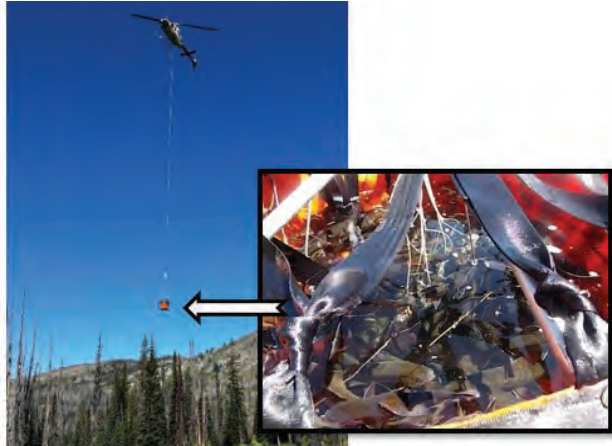


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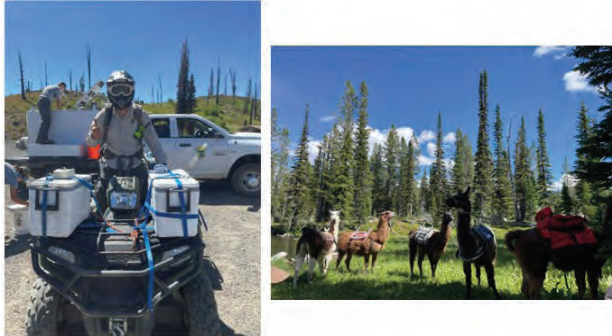


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Curious about the process? Here is a video of staff using a bike to stock fish into a mountain lake. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ayq8vAtfcSw>

The next time you embark on a fishing trip, you just might reel in an Idaho hatchery fish. Want to know if your favorite spot is stocked, or where your favorite species is being stocked? Head over to our website to view our historical stocking records and stay up-to-date on stocking forecasts and schedules.

Learn more about stocking and managing Idaho alpine lakes here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W06AwVKPG9k>

Going Out



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# Make the Season Special with Smoked Prime Rib

— Family Features —

If you, like many others, crave the simple moments of joy that make the holidays special, look no further than the dinner table. Whether your seasonal gatherings are spent with family, friends or neighbors, you can discover new traditions that focus on the food at the center of it all.

Creating inviting, inspiring and irresistible dishes can start with the real, honest flavor of beef with delicious and diverse recipes that remind you of good times together. This Smoked Prime Rib recipe from Beef Loving Texans – a community funded by beef producers built to celebrate the endless flavors, possibilities, stories and experiences that make beef a Texas tradition – offers a hearty, satisfying way to feed a crowd, capitalizing on the desire to celebrate endless flavors and possibilities.

Just remember the keys to cooking prime rib: Smoke or grill to 10-15 F below your desired finish (145 F for medium-rare or 160 F for medium), keeping in mind the beef will continue to rise in temperature as it rests.

If a quiet meal with your nearest and dearest is on the menu, Prime Rib Pasta with Broccoli and Cheese is the type of holiday specialty you can enjoy year after year. Made with leftover prime rib, it's the perfect solution for using those holiday leftovers in the days following the big celebration.

Every meal can be a moment savored, a shared story told in flavors as a testament to a passion for beef and where it comes from – after all, beef is a Texas tradition. Find more recipes to celebrate the season at [BeefLovingTexans.com](http://BeefLovingTexans.com).



## Smoked Prime Rib

Recipe courtesy of Beef Loving Texans

Cook time: 4 hours

Servings: 30

- 6-8 pounds prime rib
  - 2 tablespoons kosher salt
  - 2 tablespoons coarse ground black pepper
  - vegetable oil spray
1. Season prime rib generously with salt and pepper.
  2. Lightly coat grill grates with vegetable oil spray. Close cooking chamber lid.
  3. Place 3-5 pounds charcoal in center of firebox. Open firebox air vent approximately 1-2 inches and smokestack damper halfway. With firebox lid open, stand back, carefully light charcoal and burn until covered with light ash, approximately 20 minutes.

4. Once coals ash over, add wood chunks. Do not shut firebox lid until smoke is clean, often called "blue smoke."
5. Close firebox lid. Adjust firebox air vent and smokestack damper to regulate cooking temperature until it reaches ideal smoking temperature between 325-350 F.
6. Place prime rib on cooking grate in cooking chamber. Maintain consistent cooking temperature by adding wood chunks as needed. Monitor internal temperature of prime rib throughout cooking process. Smoke 3-4 hours; rotate and flip every hour.
7. Remove roast when meat thermometer registers 135 F for medium-rare; 145 F for medium.
8. Transfer roast to carving board; tent loosely with aluminum foil. Let stand 15-20 minutes. Temperature will continue to rise 10-15 F to reach 145 F for medium-rare; 160 F for medium.



## Prime Rib Pasta with Broccoli and Cheese

Recipe courtesy of Beef Loving Texans

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 2

- 6 tablespoons butter, divided
  - 1 pound cooked leftover prime rib, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
  - 1 tablespoon minced garlic
  - 1 pound penne pasta, cooked
  - 1 pound broccoli, blanched
  - 1/2 cup julienned sun-dried tomatoes
  - 1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
  - 1/2 cup beef broth
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
  - 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
  - 1 tablespoon white truffle oil
  - 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
  - 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1. Preheat large skillet over medium heat until hot. Add 2 tablespoons butter. When melted, add leftover prime rib; cook 3-5 minutes, or until lightly browned.
  2. Add garlic and cook 1-2 minutes, or until fragrant. Stir in cooked pasta, broccoli, tomatoes and remaining butter. Add broth, salt and pepper. Cook 2-3 minutes, or until warmed through. Drizzle with lemon juice and truffle oil; sprinkle with cheese and parsley before serving.

Cooking tip: Drizzle with extra truffle oil before serving to enhance aroma.

# Community Calendar

**Papa's Holiday Lights**, through end of 2025, dusk-10pm, off Exit 2 from I-90 across from Flying J. Come enjoy popcorn and amazing lights synchronized to local FM radio station 90.5. Free to the public!

**A Pinehurst Christmas: Open Air Christmas Market**, Saturday, December 13th, noon-7pm at the bike park/basketball court on Division St., Pinehurst.

**North Idaho Cowboy Christmas**, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 10am-7pm, and Sunday, Dec. 14th, 10am-4pm, Kootenai County Fairgrounds, 4056 N. Gov't Way, CdA. Wander through Bldgs 1, 7 and 20 to peruse unique gifts/treasures with a western flair.

Handmade goods to holiday must-haves, find something special for everyone on your list. Free admission!

**Kids' Workshop: Sleigh Ride**, 10am-1pm Saturday, Dec. 20th, at Lowe's, 901 W. Appleway, CdA. Register online at: [www.lowes.com/diy-projects-and-ideas/workshops](http://www.lowes.com/diy-projects-and-ideas/workshops) for family fun! Mini-builders will create miniature firehouses and a working pole. Monthly hands-on DIY in-store projects are free of charge! [www.sandpointconservatory.org/events](http://www.sandpointconservatory.org/events) for details and tickets

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# Pets



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**CHRISTMAS BUNNIES.** Velvety soft Beveren/ Flemish Giant/ New Zealand mix. You choose! 8 weeks, \$50. 208-777-1818, CdA

**CHRISTMAS PUPPIES!** Micro mini Bernedoodles ready 12/18, \$2500-3500. 509-430-7204



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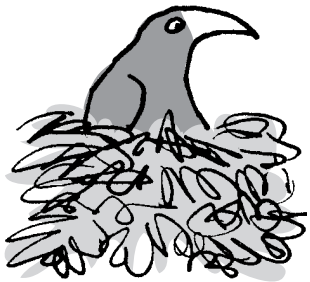


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# Pets



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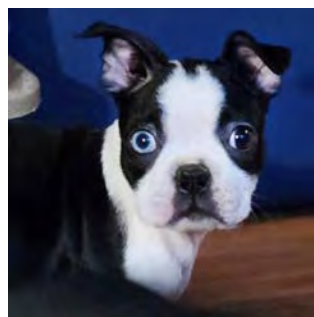
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## Pets of the Week: Lucy and Tamarack

— Priest River Animal Rescue —



Lucy is a charming two-month-old female kitten with a striking tuxedo coat. Raised by her devoted mom, Peanut, alongside four siblings, Lucy learned kindness and respect, making her delightful to be around.

She's playful, gentle, and loves exploring and chasing toys. Lucy is currently awaiting her spay surgery, but is pre-adoptable and can join her new family as soon as the next day. With her sweet nature and lively energy, Lucy is sure to bring warmth, laughter, and companionship to her future home.



Thanks to Cheri's sponsorship, Tamarack's adoption fee is waived for approved homes, increasing his chances of finding a loving family. Tamarack is a spirited young dog full of energy and curiosity, eager to explore and play. After being abandoned in Stevens County with two other dogs, Tamarack's journey to trust began with the kindness of caring locals. Now safe at the rescue center, he's blossoming into a hopeful, playful companion. Tamarack is ready for a new chapter in a patient, loving home. If you seek a joyful, resilient companion, Tamarack may be the perfect match.



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**LAB PUPPIES, (3) SILVER** females, 2 chocolate females, 4 chocolate males. Available now to go to new homes. Up to date on first shots and dewormer. \$650. Photos online at nickelsworth.com. 208-582-6455

**MALE FRENCH BULLDOG.** Full AKC registration, 10 weeks old, vaccinations up to date, located in Pasco, WA. \$2000. For more info, call/ text 509-274-0860



**TEXAS CATTLE DOG AND** Red Heeler puppies ready to go now. 7 weeks old, shots and wormed, 1 female, 1 male; red and white, mottled and spots! \$400 cash only! Spirit Lake! Call Sandy, 307-262-5378

**AKC BLACK LABS JUST** in time for Christmas! American/ English crosses. Both mom and dad are hunting bred and love both dry land and water, are amazing family/ farm dogs, are health and genetic tested and have their OFAs. Puppies: Both male and female available. They will come with up to date worming, age appropriate vaccines, 1st puppy wellness, microchip, puppy starter pack! I have both limited and full registration available. \$1250. 509-987-2605



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**BEAUTIFUL DEER** Chihuahua puppies, \$600. 208-627-9424



**PUREBRED DUTCH** rabbits, \$35 each cash. Phone calls only, 208-625-9762

**BOXER PUPPIES** Available Jan. 7th! 7 handsome boys and 2 sweet girls. Healthy, playful, and raised with love. Reserve your pup now and bring home your new best friend! 509-948-0689

**TOY HAIRY CHIHUAHUA** puppies available! 2 male toy hairy Chihuahua puppies, \$500 each. Will have 1st puppy shot. These little guys will be small as adults, under 5 lbs. Text 509-416-3392 for more info. TriCities, WA

**YORKSHIRE TERRIER:** Male Yorkie, \$600. Born 6/28/23, dewormed, all shots up to date. Very cute and playful dog, good Christmas gift. For more info, call/ text 509-640-8579



**BERNESE MOUNTAIN Dog** puppies due beginning of February. Bring some joy into your life with one of these lovable dogs. Now taking deposits. Parents are both AKC registered and OFA tested. Previous litter pictured; photos of parents online at nickelsworth.com. 562-200-8028, Oldtown, ID

## Pets of the Week: Quarter Pounder and Gizmo

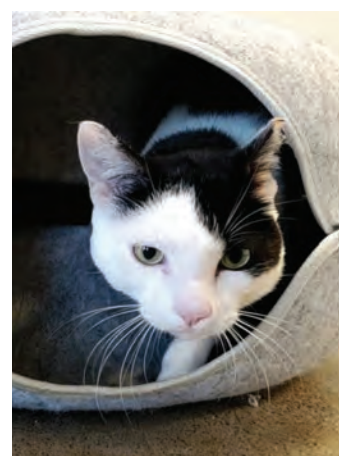
— Companions Animal Center —



part when he's happy to see you (which is always).

**Quarter Pounder - 7-Year-Old Male Pit Bull Terrier.**

If you're looking for a big ol' meatball with a heart of gold, Quarter Pounder might just be your guy! This handsome hunk is all muscle and excitement—he doesn't quite realize how strong he is, but he definitely knows how to love. Quarter Pounder is the definition of a gentle giant... who occasionally forgets the "gentle"



**Gizmo - 3-Year-Old Male Domestic Shorthair.**

Gizmo is a nice guy. He loves attention and plenty of pets. Gizmo has lived with other cats. We do not yet know how he does with dogs. Gizmo would do best in a home without small children.



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### Starlight Double-Delight Cake

— Pillsbury via Monica Thomas —



Art Linkletter helps himself to a sample of Helen Weston's cake just after she received the \$25,000 first prize. Photo: The New York Times'

Did you know that a stay-at-home mother created a cake recipe that won \$25,000? Back then, that was enough to purchase a 2000 sq. ft. house in La Jolla, California, where the winner lived with her husband and their two young boys.

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The best part, in my opinion? It's actually quite simple to recreate and doesn't require any fancy hard-to-obtain ingredients or appliances.

Now of course, being that the contest was held by Pillsbury, the recipe calls for their particular brand of enriched flour, and while I haven't tried it without, I'm sure any all-purpose flour would do just fine.

The ingredients are listed below, followed by the recipe as it appeared in the recipe book that was released following the awards.

#### Starlight Double-Delight Cake

- Ingredients (room temperature)
- 6 oz. cream cheese
  - ½ cup shortening (for frosting)
  - ¼ cup shortening (for cake)
  - ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
  - ½ teaspoon peppermint extract
  - 6 cups (pound and half) sifted confectioners' sugar
  - ¼ cup hot water
  - 4 oz. melted chocolate, milk or semi-sweet
  - 24 cups sifted Pillsbury's Best enriched flour
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- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs
- ¾ cup milk

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Bake at 350° F for 30-40 minutes. Makes two 9-inch round layers. All ingredients should be at room temperature.

#### Frosting

Cream: 2 packages (3 oz. size) cream cheese

- ½ cup shortening
- ½ teaspoon vanilla

½ teaspoon mint flavoring or 2-3 drops of peppermint. Blend well. (If desired, mint flavoring may be omitted and vanilla increased to 1 teaspoon.)

Measure: 6 cups (1 ½ lbs.) sifted confectioners' sugar. Blend half of sugar into cream cheese mixture. Add ¼ hot water alternately with balance of sugar.

Blend in: 4 squares (4 oz.) chocolate, melted. Mix until smooth.

#### Cake

Combine: ¼ additional shortening and 2 cups of the chocolate frosting mixture; mix thoroughly.

Blend in: 3 eggs, one at a time. Beat for 1 minute.

Sift together: 2 ¼ cups sifted "Pillsbury Best Enriched Flour", 1 ½ teaspoon soda, and 1 teaspoon salt.

Measure: ¾ cup milk; add alternately with dry ingredients to creamed mixture, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Blend thoroughly after each addition. (With electric mixer use low speed.)

Pour: into 2 well-greased and lightly floured 9-inch round layer pans, at least 1 ¼ inches deep.

Bake: in moderate oven (350° F) 30 to 40 minutes. Cool; frost with remaining chocolate frosting.

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## Inside the Business: A Behind-the-Scenes Feature: Adams Tractor

— Matt Adams —

Spokane, WA - Adams Tractor, a trusted name in Tractor Sales, Service & Parts since 1929, officially broke ground on its new Spokane facility, located at 8217 W State Route 2 Hwy, Spokane, WA 99224, on December 2, 2025. The project represents a major milestone for the nearly century-old, family-owned company as it continues to grow and invest in the local community.

"This is a full-circle moment for our family," said Matt Adams, General Manager of Adams Tractor. "Adams Tractor began in 1929 when the family farm was practically across the street from this new location. Nearly 100 years later, we're returning to the same area, less than a mile from where it all started. This move is about giving Spokane the very best we can offer. It's an investment in our customers, our employees, and our community."

The new 9-acre property will feature a 14,000+ sq. ft. building, nearly 2000 sq. ft. equipment storage and washing bay, and acres of display space with plenty of room for future growth. Construction is expected to be completed in Fall 2026.

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**ACROSS**

1 Small, sticky sheets

8 Sentimental souvenir

16 Bit of aquatic flora

20 In hitting position, in baseball

21 Haphazardly

22 Ringing thing

23 Providence university founded to educate Dracula?

25 Not phony

26 Auld lang —

27 Wed. preceder

28 Stale

29 Passover bread

30 Pixieish type

32 Nicer than a Madison university?

38 Actress Anderson

41 Jeans, e.g.

42 Ridden horse

43 Located on a Somerville university's campus?

46 Pooh or Yogi

48 Encyclopedia unit: Abbr.

50 Clueless

51 Cruise of film

52 Mine metals

54 Baseball Hall of Famer Tony

56 Some Siouan people

58 Shakur of hip-hop

62 LAX stats

64 Little — ("Hairspray" girl)

65 Certain till bill

66 Title of a picture album featuring an Atlanta university?

70 Paella veggie

71 Singer Abdul

72 Org. offering tows

73 Inadequate leader of a Durham university?

80 Easter meat

83 Santa — (desert winds)

84 Tart garnish

85 Italian actress Sophia

86 NFL coach Don or Mike

88 Fort Knox bar

90 — deck (cruise ship part)

92 Cup edge

94 Actress Lena

95 Loud noise

96 Mega melee

98 Unable to escape from a New York university?

103 Routine

105 Animals of a region

106 Pretenses

107 Houston university attended for four complete years?

112 Tattoo fluid

113 Make ecstatic

114 "Way cool!"

115 Tazo drink

117 "Intolerance" star Lillian

120 TV imp Simpson

121 Leave a New Haven university with no exit fee?

127 Kin of -trix

128 Able to do no wrong

129 Swiveled

130 Big name in private jets

131 Used a sieve on

132 Partner of Hutch

**DOWN**

1 Alehouses

2 Nashville's Grand Ole —

3 Wall builder, e.g.

4 Moist wipe

5 "Son of," in Arabic names

6 Successor of Roosevelt

7 Malt brew

8 Kit — bar

9 Biblical verb ending

10 Sooner than, in verse

11 — -Man (arcade game)

12 Hair nets

13 Past puberty

14 Organizing expert Marie

15 First-aid pro

16 Chafe

17 Golf great called "The Merry Mex"

18 Like many a bored person's eyes

19 Permit

24 Early car inits.

29 Subway system

31 Winter woe

33 Mil. missions

34 Fissure

35 The Yoko of "Dear Yoko"

36 "Beetle Bailey" dog

37 Troop gp.

38 Plane flier

39 "La, — to follow so"

40 Sternward

44 Dog in Oz

45 X-rated stuff

46 Actress Mary — Hurt

47 Actor Morales

49 Like loafers

53 Fix

55 Peru's capital

57 Went swiftly

59 Burst open, as corn

60 Lab gel

61 Very mean

63 Eye carefully

67 Lug

68 In addition

69 Gobbles up

70 Cali currency

73 Installed, as carpet

74 Totally wipe out

75 Document of English liberties

76 Metric mass, in brief

77 Give forth

78 Nixing mark

79 City in Oklahoma

80 Hawaiian dancers' garments

81 Wonderland girl

82 Long, thick heads of hair

87 Wishing to receive

89 Stale

91 Royal name of Norway

93 Sow or boar

97 Figure skater Midori

99 Arles assent

100 Wolf Blitzer's channel

101 Chiang — -shek

102 Rapa — (Easter Island)

104 No longer ill

105 Hat for Frank Sinatra

107 Mutinous sort

108 Former senator Lott

109 Spiteful sort

110 Home for a 93-Down

111 Messy stacks

116 Dismounted

118 Search for

119 Lamarr of "Algiers"

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Let's walk through it together so you can make a batch with confidence, and maybe show off a little.

### What Is Honeycomb, Exactly?

Honeycomb candy is a sweet, light-as-air caramel that expands dramatically when baking soda hits molten sugar. It tastes like caramel clouds with a satisfying shatter, and once you dip it in chocolate, you've created the world's cheapest fancy-pants gourmet gift.

### Why This Candy Scares People (and Why It Shouldn't)

The fear comes from two things:

Sugar gets very hot (300 F -- the "hard crack" stage). And the moment you add baking soda, it erupts like a volcano. Cool, right?

But with the right setup and a little focus, everything stays controlled and delightful. Honeycomb is one of those recipes where organization matters more than skill. If you can make toast without burning the house down, you can make this.

Have these things ready to go before you begin.

- \* Baking soda, measured and ready
- \* A large pot (the mixture will triple in size)
- \* A parchment-lined pan
- \* A heatproof spatula
- \* A candy thermometer

Once the syrup hits 300° F, it keeps climbing -- so you'll be moving quickly.



Crunchy, golden honeycomb candy looks fancy but comes together in minutes.

### Homemade Honeycomb Candy

- Yield: 1 (8x8) pan*
- Total Time: 20 minutes*
- 1/3 cup water
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 1/3 cup light corn syrup (or honey or maple syrup)
  - 2½ teaspoons baking soda
  - 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
  - Chocolate for dipping (optional but encouraged)

Line an 8-by-8-inch pan with parchment paper. Pre-measure your baking soda mixed with cream of tartar, and keep them nearby.

Combine water, sugar and corn syrup in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring just until combined. Once it bubbles, stop stirring. Attach a candy thermometer and let it boil, undisturbed, to 300 F.

Remove from heat and quickly stir in baking soda, it will foam dramatically. Stir just until incorporated, then immediately pour into your prepared pan.

Let cool completely (about an hour). Break into pieces. Optional: dip or drizzle with melted chocolate. The recipe can be doubled to yield a 9-by-13-inch pan.

Tips for Success. Don't refrigerate; it gets sticky. Store airtight to keep it crisp. Chocolate coating helps it last longer. And, of course: Don't touch hot sugar.

### Why This Makes a Fabulous Homemade Gift

Honeycomb looks impressive and tastes incredible yet takes only minutes to make. Package it in a tin with a bow and people will swear you have confectionery superpowers.

Don't let honeycomb intimidate you. It's kitchen alchemy -- simple ingredients transforming into something downright magical.=

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## Super Crossword

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18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21	22	23	24
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February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9	10	11	12 Health & Wellness / Community Service	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day	17	18	19	20	21
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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
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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
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May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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
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			Independence Day observed			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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				NW Dream Car Contest		
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August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Cutest Pet Voting		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Labor Day			Fall Business Card Book		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				Hunting Issue		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	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
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27	28	29	30	31		
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Packets for the 2025 Angler Science Program are now available

Idaho Fish and Game is once again inviting burbot anglers to take part in the Kootenai River Angler Science Program—an effort that helps biologists gather valuable information to make burbot fishing even better. The best part? Simply participating earns you free swag and an entry into a raffle for great prizes.

Ever wondered where that burbot you caught came from, or how old it might be? By joining the Angler Science Program, you'll get answers while helping



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You are eligible for all rewards whether you catch a burbot or not—just be sure to complete your contact card and logbook and return the packet by the deadline.

Check out this article at [idfg.idaho.gov](http://idfg.idaho.gov) for full details, including pick-up and drop-off locations. You can also watch the instructional video below for a quick walkthrough of the process.

Report tagged burbot. Whether or not you participate in the Angler Science Program, please keep an eye out for tags located on the backs of burbot.

By reporting tagged fish, you help Fish and Game better understand catch rates, harvest and survival—all critical to improving the fishery.

Some tags also carry a \$100 reward, so this winter could be your lucky year.

If you catch a tagged burbot, please report the tag number and catch location to Fish and Game online or through your Angler Science Program creel packet.



## A brief history lesson of burbot on the Kootenai River

For some, winter is a time to settle in by the fire. For others, it's the perfect season to chase the native—and once rare—burbot of the Kootenai River.

Nicknamed the Kootenai leopard or ling cod, bur-



bot virtually disappeared from the fishery by the early 1990s. Due to declining populations, burbot fishing on the Kootenai River was closed in 1992. Thanks to the hard work of the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Idaho Fish and Game and other partners, the population rebounded, and the river reopened to burbot fishing in January 2019.

Because the fishery is still relatively new, Fish and Game carefully monitors burbot each winter from December through March. Angler participation provides an essential boost to those efforts.

For questions or to learn more about the Kootenai River Angler Science Program, please contact the Panhandle Regional Office at (208) 769-1414.

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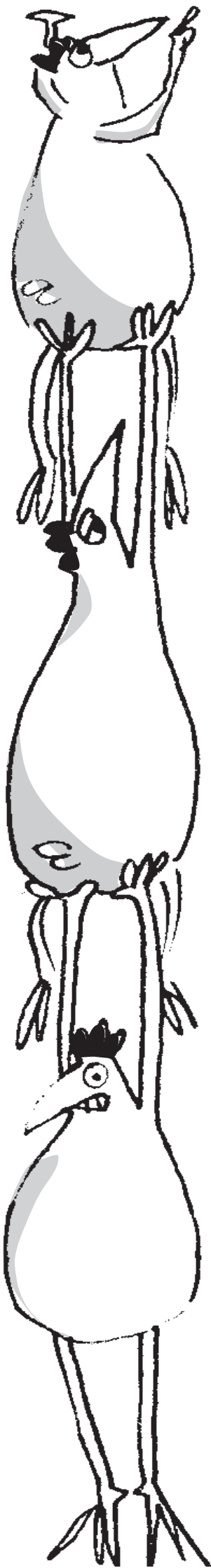
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## Holiday Biscotti: Beautiful, Giftable and Surprisingly Simple

If the holiday season had a signature cookie, biscotti wouldn't be it. However, it would be this cookie's elegant cousin who shows up beautifully dressed, stays cheerful for weeks and never crumbles under pressure. These crisp Italian cookies are made for gifting, packing, mailing, dunking and showing off, all while looking like you spent far more effort than you did.

They're sturdy enough to ship across the country, pretty enough for a cookie plate and wonderfully adaptable. Once you have the simple base recipe, you can flavor them in many ways. Tuck a few into a basket with some coffee or tea, a pretty tea towel and a thrifted mug, and you've got a gift that feels thoughtful and homemade without breaking the bank.

This year, I'm sharing my base biscotti recipe plus several festive variations, each one perfect for adding a little sparkle to your holiday baking.

### HOLIDAY BISCOTTI

- Yield: 20-24 servings*
- Total Time: 55 minutes + cooling*
- For the base dough:
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
  - 3/4 cup granulated sugar
  - 2 large eggs
  - 1 to 2 teaspoons extract (see flavor variations)
  - 2 cups all-purpose flour, or half all-purpose + half whole wheat

- 1 teaspoon baking powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - Add-ins as per flavor variation
- Heat oven to 350 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment.

Beat butter and sugar until creamy. Add eggs and extract; mix well. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt. Gradually add to wet mixture until combined. Stir in flavor add-ins, if using.

Divide dough in half. Shape into two 8-inch logs and flatten to 3/4 inch thick. Wet hands help if dough is sticky. Sprinkle with coarse sugar if desired.

Bake 20-25 minutes, until lightly golden and firm to the touch. Cool on the pan for 15 minutes.

Slice logs diagonally into 3/4-inch slices. Lay cut side up on the sheet and bake 12-16 minutes, until dry. Cool completely.



*A little holiday sparkle in every crunchy, dunkable cookie.*

### Flavor Variations

- Classic Vanilla-Almond: 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla + 1/2 teaspoon almond extract. Add 3/4 cup sliced almonds.
- Cherry-Almond (pictured): 1 teaspoon almond + 1 teaspoon vanilla. Add 1/2 cup dried cherries, 1/2 cup sliced almonds. Sprinkle tops with decorating sugar before baking.
- Triple Chocolate: 1 teaspoon vanilla, reduce flour by 1/4 cup, add 1/4 cup cocoa powder. Stir in 1 cup mini chocolate chips

+ 1/2 cup nuts of choice. Dip in chocolate.

Cranberry-Orange-Pistachio: Add 1 teaspoon vanilla + 1 teaspoon orange extract Add-ins: 1/2 cup dried cranberries, 1/2 cup chopped pistachios and zest of an orange. Dip ends in white chocolate and sprinkle with more orange zest.

Dark Chocolate-Orange-Hazelnut (pictured): Add 1 teaspoon vanilla + 1 teaspoon orange extracts. Add-ins: 1/2 cup chopped hazelnuts, 1/2 cup mini dark chocolate chips and zest of an orange. Dip the ends in dark chocolate and sprinkle with chopped hazelnuts.

Peppermint Mocha (pictured): Add 1 teaspoon vanilla + 1 teaspoon peppermint. Reduce flour by 1/4 cup and add 1/4 cup cocoa powder, 1 teaspoon espresso powder, 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips. Dip one side in chocolate and sprinkle with crushed candy canes.

Ginger Spice (pictured): Add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Add-ins: 2 teaspoons ginger + 2 teaspoons cinnamon + 1/4 teaspoon cloves + 1/4 cup chopped candied ginger. Optional: Drizzle with glaze made from powdered sugar + maple syrup.

Whichever flavor you choose, biscotti are the kind of homemade gifts that feel thoughtful without demanding hours in the kitchen. Bake a batch, share with friends and enjoy a little holiday magic.

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# Community Calendar

- Candy Land Game Night**, 5:30pm-7pm Thursday, Dec. 18th, at the Kroc Center, 1765 W. Golf Course Rd., CdA. Featuring life-size Candy Land games for the entire family provided free of charge (no membership needed).
- Historic Wallace Church Nativity Walk**, 5pm Friday, Dec. 19th, begins at Victory World Outreach Silver Valley, 215 4th St., Wallace. Then continues to St. Alphonsus Catholic Church and Wallace United Church, 4th and Cedar; special singing with Cataldo Mennonites. All are welcome!
- Happy Jolabokafloð**, 11am-2pm Saturday, Dec. 20th, at Kellogg Library. Celebrate Iceland's tradition of gifting books; then reading them with others on Christmas Eve. Free books will be available for all ages (while supplies last)! Also: Dec 22nd-23rd, 11am-5 pm.
- Saturday With the Symphony**, 11am Saturday, Dec. 20th, at CdA Library. Enjoy a special holiday sing-along geared to ages 3+ as part of a monthly music education program provided by Coeur d'Alene Symphony Orchestra. December's event will feature Lilac Brass and a book reading.
- Theater: Hometown Christmas**, 3pm and 5pm Saturday, Dec. 21st, at Lake City Playhouse, 1320 E. Garden Ave., CdA. A variety show featuring our talented cast members from the past year! [www.lakecityplayhouse.org](http://www.lakecityplayhouse.org)

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- Opera: Amahl and the Night Visitors**, 2pm and 5pm Saturday, Dec. 21st, at First Lutheran Church, 526 S. Olive Ave., Sandpoint. Experience the magic of the season with the Music Conservatory's Bel Canto production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, Menotti's cherished children's opera.
- The Grinch Movie and Party**, 1pm Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, at Athol Library. All ages are welcome to make "Grinch" inspired crafts before snacks and movie. Settle in with pillows and blankets for this 2018 movie.
- Free Community Christmas Meal**, 2pm-5pm Thursday, Christmas Day, at True North Church, 10583 N. Gov't Way, Hayden. No one should spend Christmas alone, so come gather with others, laugh, and enjoy a delicious free meal along with games and joyful fellowship. Families, singles, seniors — all are welcome! Bring a dish to share with others, or simply come and be a guest. 208-762-6397
- Kids Movie at the Library: Snow Buddies**, 10am Tuesday, Dec. 30th, at CdA Library. Gather in the Community Room for popcorn and a seasonal G-rated Disney movie.
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“There’s something truly special about seeing audiences connect to these iconic songs. The harmonies, lyrics, and the history create a powerful experience in theatres,” says Dean Elliott, the show’s creator and director. “Each performance feels like a shared celebration, and we’re eager to deliver an exceptional show to long-time fans and new generations alike.”

Fans aren’t the only ones blown away by *The Simon & Garfunkel Story*. Art Garfunkel himself attended a previous performance, rushed the stage, grabbed the microphone, and declared, “What a great

f----- show!” before leaving the audience in awe once again. If the legend himself is a fan, you know this is a tour you won’t want to miss.

*The Simon & Garfunkel Story* covers the duo’s humble beginnings as Tom & Jerry, to their incredible success as one of the best-selling music groups of the ‘60s, as well as their dramatic split in 1970. The Simon & Garfunkel Story culminates with the pair’s famous “The Concert in Central Park” reunion in 1981 which had more than half a million fans in attendance. The show features a set list of nearly 30 songs and uses state-of-the-art video projection, photos, and original film footage. A full live band will perform all of the hits including “Mrs. Robinson,” “Cecilia,” “Bridge Over Troubled Water,” “Homeward Bound” and many more complete with the unmistakably perfect harmonies that will transport audiences down memory lane.

With more than 100 million album sales since 1965, Simon & Garfunkel’s unforgettable songs and poetic lyrics poignantly captured the times made them one of the most successful folk-rock duos of all time. Over the years, they won 10 Grammy Awards and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990. In 1977, the Brit Awards honored their “Bridge Over Troubled Water” album with Best International Album. In 2003, Simon & Garfunkel were awarded a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and the following year saw their “The Sound of Silence” awarded a Grammy Hall of Fame Award.

For details and to purchase tickets, please visit [foxtheaterspokane.org](http://foxtheaterspokane.org).

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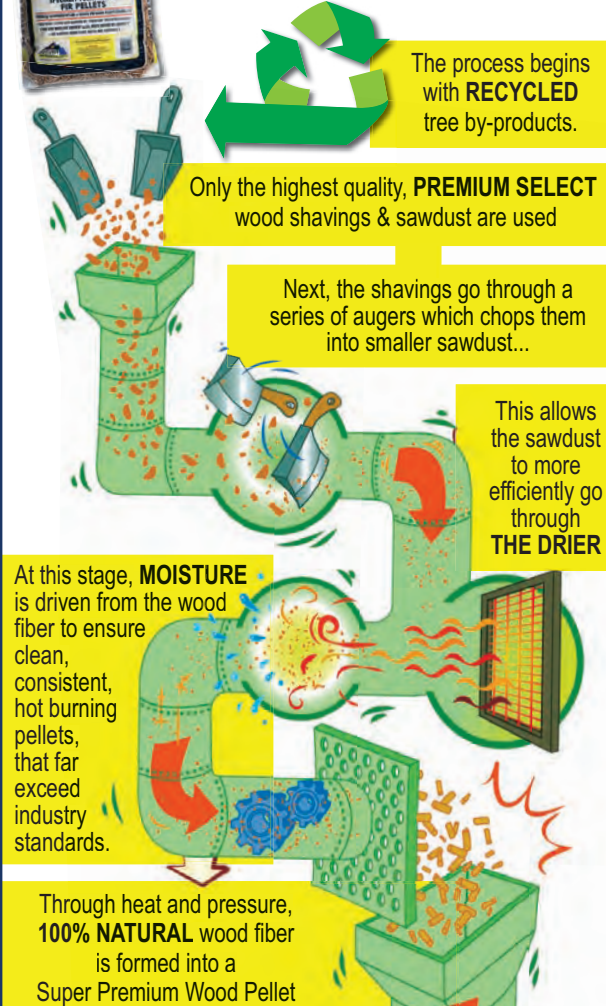
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During the holiday season, many people feel a renewed sense of generosity. It's a time when communities come alive with food drives, toy collections, volunteer events and donation campaigns – all fueled by the spirit of giving.

While this seasonal energy can be powerful, the need it responds to doesn't fade when the decorations come down. Giving back is not only essential during the holidays; it's also the foundation of stronger, more resilient communities year round.

People in nearly every community face challenges – whether it's affording holiday presents or meeting basic needs like food, rent and utilities. For many families, current economic strains are forcing them to make tough decisions like sacrificing necessities or depleting savings to create moments of holiday joy.



This is a time to rally support and help neighbors in need. Right now, many community members who didn't previously need help are seeking support. Acts of generosity large and small help close gaps and strengthen communities. When individuals and businesses give their time, resources and talent, they can help ensure everyone has a fair chance to

not only survive but thrive.

Communities rely on nonprofit organizations like United Way – one of the oldest and largest organizations committed to tackling local challenges and mobilizing communities to improve lives. With a presence in nearly 99% of communities across the U.S., the organization recognizes the power of giving and relies on seasonal and year-round generosity to deliver food and housing assistance, youth programs, mental health support, disaster recovery and more.

This holiday season and beyond, to assist your community consider taking actions such as:

### Volunteering

Offering your time is one way to make a real change in your community while helping build a more resilient future for all. What's more, research shows the personal benefits of volunteering, such as reduced feelings of isolation, loneliness and risk of depression. Whether it's a community event, ongoing support or in-person activities, making a difference for others feels good.

### Donating

Sharing your financial resources can play a vital role in helping communities thrive. Your donation can help put food on the table for families in need, support kids who are struggling or provide mental health services to the most vulnerable individuals. Remember, your gift of any size combines with the gifts of others and builds stronger, more resilient communities.

### Sharing Expertise or Talent

Generosity can take many forms. Making a difference isn't just about time and money; it can also mean sharing skills or knowledge, and even social networks to bolster charitable efforts. Giving back builds a shared sense of responsibility. It reminds people that strong communities don't happen by accident – they're created through connection, compassion and collective action.

### Supporting Causes You Believe In

Every community faces their own unique, pressing challenges and almost everyone has a cause that's close to their hearts. Identify organizations working to advance those causes and make a plan to support them.

Find opportunities to support your community this holiday season and make generosity a year-round tradition at [unitedway.org/local](http://unitedway.org/local).

Source: United Way

## Community Calendar

**Rock Around the Clock for Noon Years Eve**, 11am Wed., Dec. 31st, at Athol, Hayden and Pinehurst Libraries for ages 3-8. Activities include decorating records, a bowling alley, soda jerk station and musical photo booth, 50s-inspired sock hop and balloon drop.

**Film Night with MONI: Train Dreams**, 5pm Wednesday, Jan. 7th, at CdA Library. A free special

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Timing is everything. Do some simple prep work beforehand. Then, as the table is being cleared after your main course, preheat the oven and whip the egg whites while your child spoons fruit into the grapefruit bowls and tops each one with ice cream and mounds of sweet meringue.

### GRAPEFRUIT BAKED ALASKA

- 4 grapefruits
- 6 scoops vanilla ice cream
- 3 egg whites (1/2 cup) at room temperature
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

One hour or more before serving:

1. Prepare grapefruit by cutting evenly in half crosswise. Use a grapefruit knife to cut out fruit sections. Place in a bowl and drain juice (enjoy drinking it for a snack). If grapefruit is rather tart, add some sugar. Cover and refrigerate.

2. Remove and discard membranes in six of the halves to form hollow "bowls," and discard the two remaining grapefruit halves. (You are using 6 halves

for the dessert, but the fruit from 4 grapefruits to have ample servings.)

3. Pre-scoop ice cream in six rounds on a tray lined with wax paper or plastic wrap. Place back in freezer.

15 minutes before serving:

4. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Line baking sheet with parchment paper or foil. Ask one of your kids to spoon the refrigerated grapefruit pieces evenly into the six grapefruit "bowls" and set them on the baking sheet.

5. In a mixing bowl, beat the egg whites until frothy and foamy with an electric mixer set at low speed. Add the cream of tartar. Increase speed until soft peaks form. Start adding the sugar slowly, a tablespoon at a time. Let your kids watch as the mixture changes and enlarges, and glossy, stiff peaks form.

6. Set an ice-cream round in the center of each fruit-filled bowl. Immediately spoon the glossy, stiff meringue on top and seal edges around the cut grapefruit rim with a butter knife. Bake in the middle of the oven for 5 minutes, or until meringue is golden.

7. Serve immediately on dessert plates.

Tip: For a special occasion such as New Year's Eve, top each one with a birthday candle and light.



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## Discussing Sinus Node Dysfunction and Its Symptoms/ Treatment

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Last year at age 76, I was diagnosed with sinus node dysfunction after several episodes of what I'd call being "spaced out" (for lack of a better term). I couldn't explain these instances to myself, much less anyone else lest they think I was crazy, until I had one where I passed out. This scared me, and I told my husband, who immediately made a doctor's appointment.

The wise physician assistant sent me to a cardiologist who had me wear a heart monitor for two weeks. During this time, I had another episode that lasted for seven seconds, according to the very alarmed cardiologist. I was immediately scheduled for pacemaker surgery.

Could you please discuss sinus node dysfunction and enlighten me as to what caused it? -- G.W.T.

**ANSWER:** The sinus of your heart has nothing to do with your nose as you might guess; it's a structure in the right atrium where blood flows into the heart from the venae cavae. It contains a structure called the "sinus node" or "sinoatrial node" that serves as the natural pacemaker for the heart.

If the SA node makes an electrical impulse, but it is poorly conducted, this results in an SA block. The sinus node may be too slow (sinus bradycardia), or it may fail to make an impulse for a period of time or even permanently (sinus pauses and sinus arrest). All of these are included in the umbrella term of "sinus node dysfunction" (which used to be called "sick sinus syndrome" since it's accompanied by periods of a too-fast heart rate).

When the sinus node fails to provide an impulse, other pacemakers in the heart will usually provide

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an "escape" beat, which prevents the symptom of being "spaced out." Some people describe this as fatigue or lightheadedness. If there is no escape beat, then you will get a sinus pause as you did. When the sinus pause is very long, the person will often faint (which we term "syncope").

One of my fellow residents got a call from the attending cardiologist who was reading the heart monitor of a patient on the inpatient service and had found a sinus pause that lasted for 17 seconds. (I can still recall the cardiologist saying, "Good god, man! Is this patient still alive?" to the utter horror of my fellow resident, who literally ran to the patient's bedside. The patient was alive, fortunately.)

The placement of a permanent pacemaker is the definitive treatment for sinus node dysfunction, but not everyone needs this. It's also important to look for exacerbating factors (especially medicines but also thyroid disease, blockages of the heart arteries, liver disease, and low oxygen, among others) that can affect the sinus node.

These factors can make the disease of the sinus node become symptomatic due to fibrosis of the area around the SA node and its accompanying conduction tissue. Most of the time, no specific cause for sinus node dysfunction can be found, but systemic diseases like amyloidosis, sarcoidosis and hemochromatosis are rare causes of sinus node dysfunction.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** When is a cough considered chronic? -- B.B.A.

**ANSWER:** We do have formal definitions. An acute cough is present for less than three weeks, and infections -- both viral (cold, flu, bronchitis) and bacterial (bronchitis, pneumonia) -- are the most common causes. A subacute cough is present for three to six weeks. Postinfectious irritability is a common cause, but asthma and chronic rhinitis are also common.

A chronic cough is present for longer than six weeks. There are many causes, but asthma, reflux disease (GERD), and postnasal drip are the most common. Medications (ACE inhibitors), eosinophilic bronchitis, and certain chronic infections (like pertussis or tuberculosis) should be considered as well.

*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](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).*

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Cucumber and Tomato Salad

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

- 3 medium or large cucumbers
- 2-3 vine tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion (optional)

Dressing:

- 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon fresh minced dill
- 1 tablespoon mayo
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

1. Peel and slice cucumbers. Deseed, if desired. Coarsely chop into bite-size pieces. Slice and chop tomatoes. Place cucumbers and tomatoes in large bowl with chopped onions, if desired.
2. To make dressing: In separate bowl, mix apple cider vinegar, olive oil, sugar, onion powder, garlic powder, dill and mayo. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Pour over cucumber mixture and mix well.
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## Gingerbread Honey Cupcakes

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— Family Features —



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### Gingerbread Cupcakes with Honey Cream Cheese Frosting

*Yield: 12 cupcakes*

**Cupcakes:**

- 1¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger

- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup Busy Bee Raw Honey
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup buttermilk, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

**Honey Cream Cheese Frosting:**

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 1/4 cup Busy Bee Raw Honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4-6 cups powdered sugar

- Preheat oven to 350 F.
- Line 12 regular-size muffin cups with paper baking cups.
- In medium bowl, whisk flour, brown sugar, baking powder, ginger, cinnamon, cloves and salt.
- In large bowl, using hand or stand mixer, beat softened butter and honey until smooth and slightly fluffy, 1-2 minutes. Beat in egg then mix in buttermilk and vanilla until combined.
- Add dry ingredients to wet mixture and stir gently until no streaks of flour remain; don’t overmix.
- Divide batter evenly among muffin cups, filling each about two-thirds full.
- Bake 20-22 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center of cupcake comes out clean.
- Let cupcakes cool in pan about 5 minutes then transfer to wire rack to cool completely.
- To make frosting: Beat cream cheese and butter until smooth and creamy. Add honey and vanilla then gradually beat in powdered sugar until fluffy, spreadable and reaching desired sweetness. Chill for firmer consistency before piping or spreading, if desired.

*Source: Barkman Honey — [www.busybeehoney.com](http://www.busybeehoney.com)*

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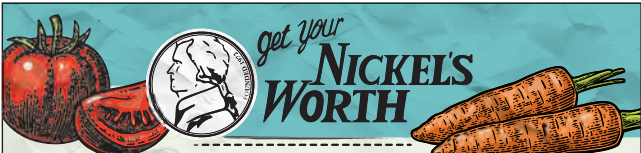
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# Grazing and Gifting Sweet Solutions for the Holiday Rush

— Family Features —

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Find deliciously thoughtful ways to share the sweetness of the season with loved ones by visiting [PickFLA.com](http://PickFLA.com), which features an interactive map to find a range of gift options that fit your holiday needs.



## Scallops with Florida Grapefruit Butter

Recipe courtesy: Florida Department of Citrus

Prep time: 30 minutes

Cook time: 3 minutes

Servings: 4

- 2 Florida grapefruit
- 1 fennel bulb
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, plus additional for searing, divided
- tablespoon sherry vinegar
- 1/8 teaspoon, plus 1 pinch, salt, divided, to taste
- 1/8 teaspoon, plus 1 pinch, pepper, divided, to taste
- 1 small bunch fresh cilantro
- 12 scallops with empty shells
- 1 tablespoon butter

1. Peel and cut one Florida Grapefruit into segments. Squeeze remaining grapefruit and reserve juice.
2. Wash and finely chop fennel. In bowl, mix fennel with olive oil, sherry vinegar and 1 pinch salt and pepper.
3. Mix and add fresh cilantro. Keep a few leaves for garnish.
4. In hot frying pan, drizzle with olive oil then sear scallops 1 minute on each side.
5. Remove scallops from pan then deglaze with reserved Florida Grapefruit juice. Let it simmer slightly and add butter to make sauce. Add 1/8 teaspoon salt and pepper.

6. Place 1 tablespoon fennel salad in washed shell, top with three scallops and coat with grapefruit butter.
7. Finish with reserved cilantro leaves and fresh grapefruit segments.



## Florida Citrus Salad with Burrata

Recipe courtesy: Florida Department of Citrus

### Florida Citrus Vinaigrette:

- 1/3 cup Florida Grapefruit Juice
- 1/3 cup Florida Orange Juice
- 2 teaspoons orange zest
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons shallots
- sea salt, to taste
- fresh pepper, to taste

### Pickled Onion:

- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup white vinegar or cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt

### Burrata Salad:

- 4 Florida Grapefruit, peeled and cut into segments
- 3 oranges, peeled and cut into segments
- 1 bunch radishes, sliced thin and cut into sticks
- 1/3 cup pistachios, grilled and coarsely chopped
- 1 cup arugula
- 2 tablespoons dill, chopped
- sea salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 8 ounces burrata

1. To make vinaigrette: In small bowl, mix Florida Grapefruit Juice, Florida Orange Juice, orange zest, cider vinegar, honey, Dijon, olive oil and shallots until dressing is emulsified. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Set aside. Vinaigrette will keep 7 days in refrigerator.
2. To make pickled onion: Place sliced onion in airtight canning jar.
3. In small saucepan, combine vinegar, water, sugar and salt. Bring to boil and pour over sliced onion in jar. Add small amount of water to completely cover onion. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving. Pickled onions will keep 15 days in refrigerator.
4. To make burrata salad: In bowl, combine Florida Grapefruit and Orange segments; add radish sticks, toasted pistachios, arugula and dill. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.
5. Place salad on large plate, top with coarsely chopped burrata and drizzle generously with citrus vinaigrette and pickled onion.

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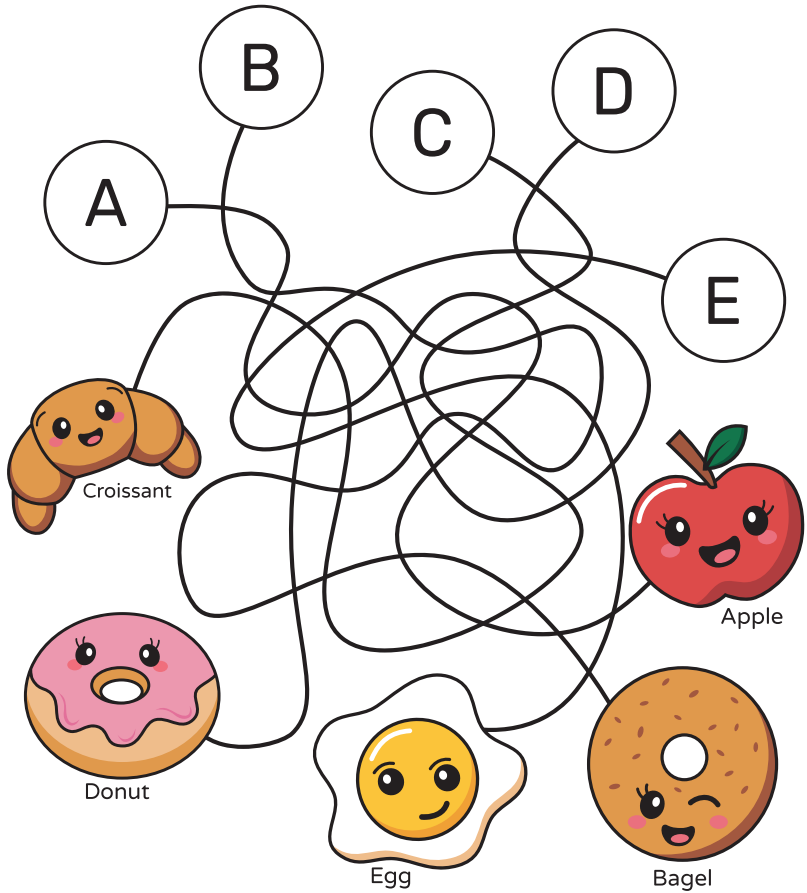
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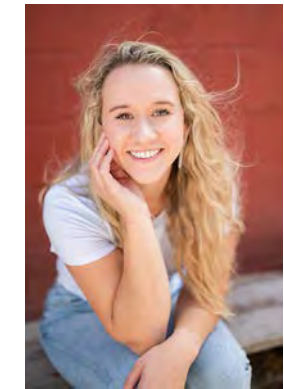
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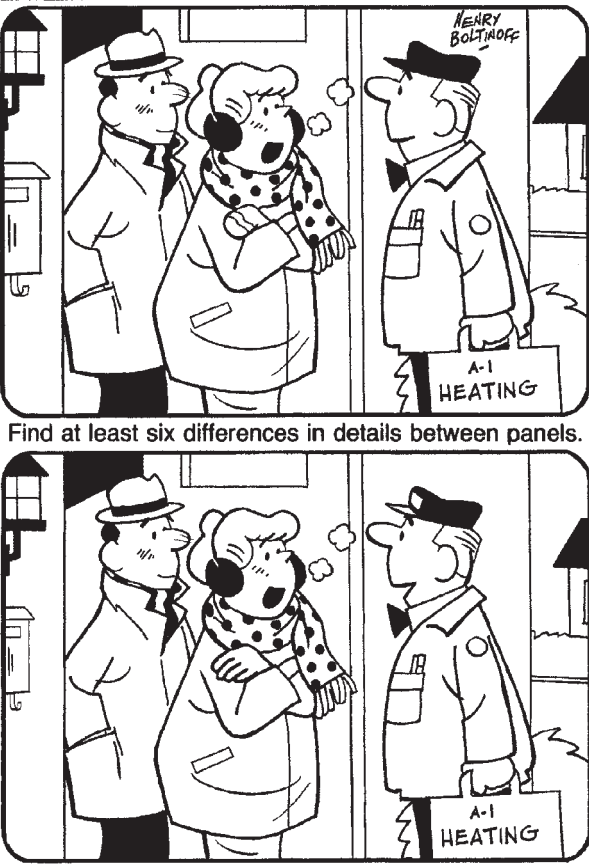
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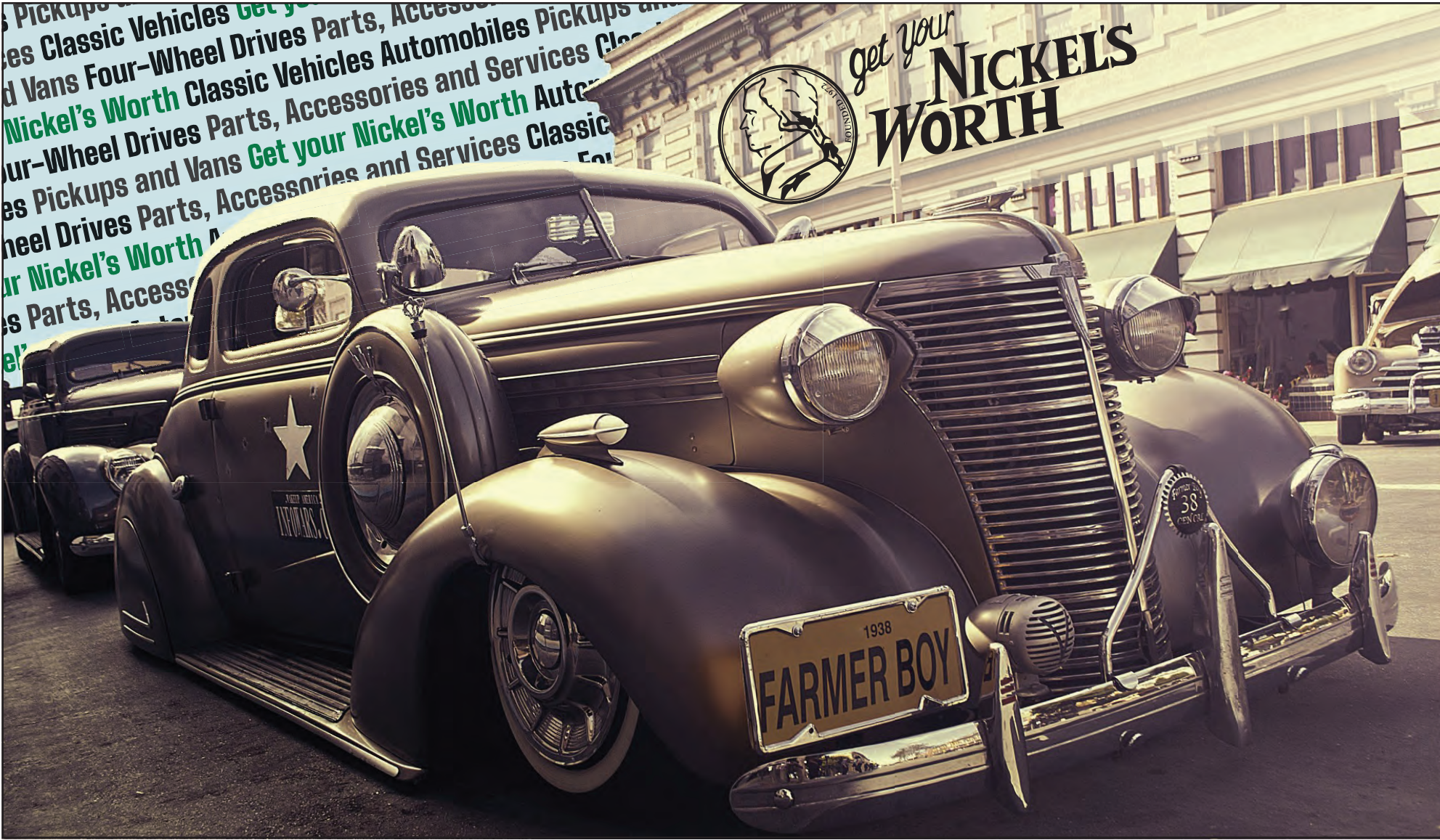


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