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12 Carousel, for one  
13 Half of dos  
14 German car name  
15 Hgt.  
16 Baseball's Hodges  
17 \$ dispensers  
18 Humble  
20 Tolkien villains  
22 Eye furtively  
26 Plant firmly  
29 Droop  
30 Shelter  
31 Librarian's advice  
32 Enjoy Vail  
33 Ink smudge  
34 Fine, at NASA  
35 Middling grade  
36 '70s club  
37 TV ratings period

40 Relaxing refuges  
41 Fruity desserts  
45 Spiced tea  
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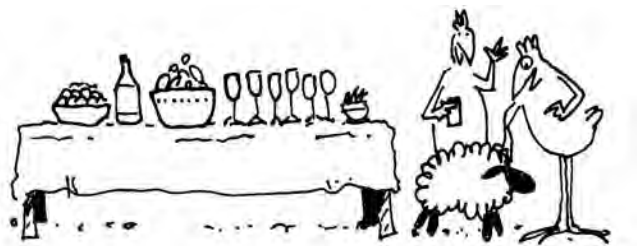
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8 Civil rights org.

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11 That chap's  
19 Moreover  
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The smooth, creamy texture of Green Giant 100% Pure Pumpkin, made in the United States with premium quality in mind, is a go-to ingredient for a variety of recipes, including this heartwarming and simple Pumpkin Soup. Simply simmer the pumpkin puree with coconut cream, vegetable stock, garlic and ginger for a soup that is comfort in a bowl.

Explore new ways to enjoy seasonal recipes at [greengiantvegetables.com](http://greengiantvegetables.com).

### Pumpkin Soup

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 4

- 1 can (15 ounces) Green Giant 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 1/2 cup coconut cream
- 1 cup vegetable stock
- 1 tablespoon garlic paste or 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon ginger paste or 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- coconut rice, for serving (optional)
- bread, for serving (optional)

1. In saucepan over medium heat, combine pumpkin, coconut cream, vegetable stock, garlic, ginger and salt and pepper, to taste. Stir until well incorporated, cook 10 minutes.
2. Serve over coconut rice or with bread, if desired.

Notes: For an elegant garnish, top with toasted pepitas, pumpkin seeds or swirl of coconut milk.

Leftovers can be refrigerated up to 3 days or frozen up to 3 months. Thaw frozen coconut ginger pumpkin soup in fridge then reheat in microwave or saucepan on stovetop.

Source: [greengiantvegetables.com](http://greengiantvegetables.com)

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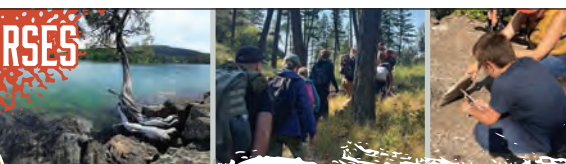
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Another nice picture, an original oil of Tubbs Hill by Ellen Anderson will go to the winning ticket holder in the CdA Camera Club's Tubbs Hill drive.

Tickets are available from members, and at Runge's Furniture, Dietz Photography, Hagen and Lunceford, Thomas Agency and Nickels Worth.

Next week the CdA JayCee's will have ready another list of donors. But if you want to be anonymous, that's okay too.

**Tubbs was original city father**

Mrs. Eileen Lund, who maintains the archives of the town's environmental struggles, has given Nickels Worth some history notes about the original Tubbs. with some clippings by Frances Cope

Wilhelm Martin Anthony August Von Tubbe was born in Germany and came to the U.S. as a boy of seventeen. He had run away from home and found a place in the United States Navy, shortening his name to Anthony August Tubbs--Tony Tubbs to his friends.

Coming west, he was employed as a steward on boats on the Snake and Columbia River.

Records at the Panhandle Abstract office indicate that Tubbs probably came to the Coeur d'Alene area in 1878. It is on record that he received government patents, signed by President Chester A. Arthur on April 10, 1884, on approximately 138 acres of land and part of the hill that was given his name. those acres made up the original townsite of Coeur d'Alene and extended north from the hill to Mullan Avenue, east to 11th Street and west to about Third Street. Also included were the north and west side of Tubbs Hill, except for the southwest point, later known as Corbin's Point, and this was patented to V. W. Sander, whose beach is now our favorite summer spot.

Recognizing the beauty of Tubbs Hill, Tubbs started the Park there by dedicating the area above Corbin's Point to the public.

Sometime in the second decade of the century, Tubbs moved to the mining district and he died in Chicago in 1925.

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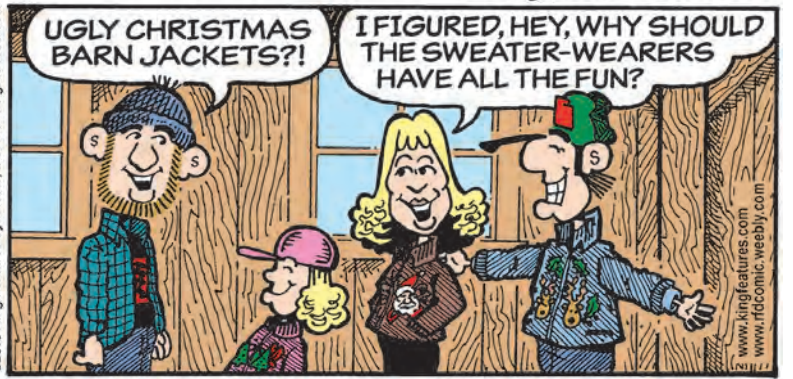
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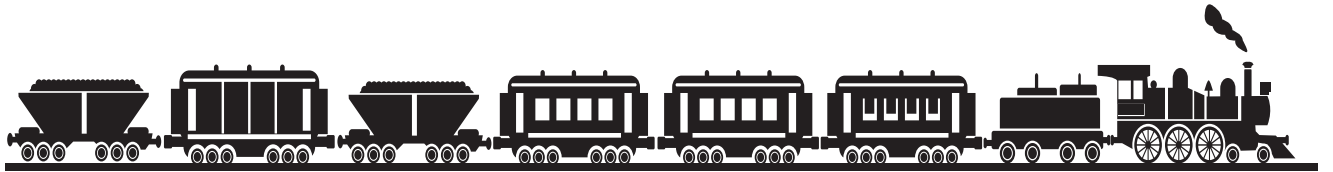
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**KOVELS**

Antiques & Collecting

*By Terry and Kim Kovel*

**English Christmas**

With its rings of holly branches, this majolica platter carries the spirit of Christmas. And with its \$7,735 sale price at Strawser Auction Group, it's certainly something to celebrate! But a closer look shows its symbols are a little different from the decorations most of us may be used to.

The birds around the rim are robins; not something you often see on American Christmas decorations, but very popular in the United Kingdom. Robins are often seen there in the winter because they migrate there from Scandinavia and Continental Europe.

Then there are the portrait medallions of a white-bearded man who looks a little, but not entirely, like Santa Claus. Instead of a red suit with a matching fur-trimmed hat, he wears a brown robe, carries a staff and is crowned with a wreath of holly.

This must be Father Christmas, the English personification of the holiday's festivities. He dates to at least the 15th century and may be influenced by the folkloric figure of the Holly King of winter, whose perpetual battle with the Oak King of summer (who is sometimes represented by a robin) dramatizes the cycle of seasons. As you may have guessed, this platter is an English piece. It was made by George Jones, one of the most celebrated makers of Victorian majolica.

**Q:** I found a silver link bracelet in my aunt's jewelry box after her death at age 93 in 2002, so I believe it's old and would like some idea of its value. I took it to a jeweler who used a loupe to look at the mark on the underside of the clasp. She said it read "JB" over "830S."

**A:** The first clue to the bracelet's value is the "830S." That is the silver content, meaning it is 83% silver and 17% alloy of other metals. The standard for sterling silver is 925, meaning 92.5% silver. While not sterling silver, 830 silver still has a relatively high silver content, and its higher percentage of alloy means it is more durable than 925 silver. The "JB" mark was used by John Baalerund, whose



Victorian English majolica maker George Jones decorated this platter with English Christmas symbols that may be unfamiliar to Americans, but still have the spirit of the holiday.

business operated from 1935 to 1988 in Oslo, Norway. He was known for his enameled silver jewelry. Silver jewelry by Scandinavian designers was extremely popular in the mid-20th century. Today, 830S silver bracelets from that period generally sell for about \$50 to \$150.

**TIP:** Candle drippings can be removed from fabric with the help of ice cubes. Rub the wax with the ice until the wax hardens. Scrape off the hard wax with a credit card or stiff cardboard. If some wax remains, put a blotter over it, and then iron with a warm iron.

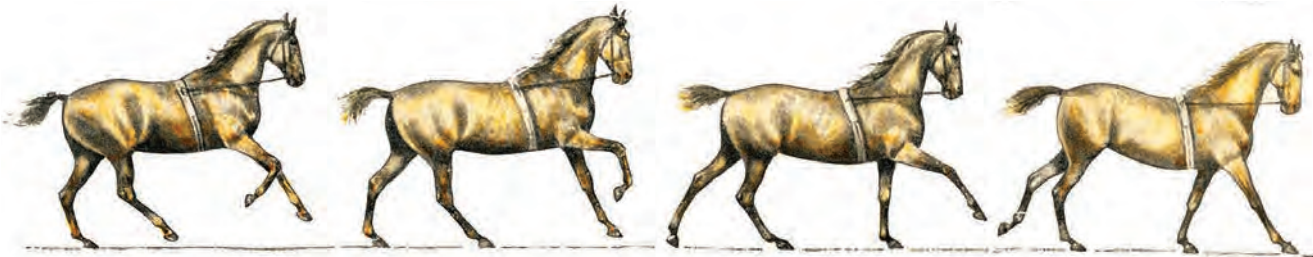
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Art deco, punch bowl, chrome cover and ladle, red plastic mounts, glass body, globular, ribbed, c. 1930, 10 x 9 inches, \$150.

Rug, Frank Lloyd Wright, shaded pink, gray and red geometrics, fringe, wool, import label, Schumacher, 1980s, 10 feet 11 inches x 7 feet 10 inches, \$1,260.

Judica, menorah, Peace Menorah, asymmetrical arms, center mask over star of David, bronze, gold patina, marble base, Salvador Dali, 1981, 20 inches, \$1,905.

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KOVELS

Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Baby New Year

Baby New Year can grow up fast! The baby pictured here is already shaving. Well, it's probably not supposed to be Baby New Year, but being surrounded by a calendar, it's an easy association to make. This baby was the mascot for Gillette's safety razors, perhaps suggesting that they were both safe enough and easy enough for a baby to use, with the promise of baby-smooth skin, too.

Inventor King C. Gillette was not the first to create a safety razor, but he came up with the disposable blade, and his company popularized them in the early 1900s. Note that the calendar is for 1909 -- a bit outdated for today's use, but very appealing to a collector of antique advertising. It sold for \$295 at Morford's Antique Advertising Auctions.

Oh, and it's not just a calendar; it's a pocket mirror, too. They were a popular form of advertising in the early 20th century. These mirrors, like the Gillette one here, often had celluloid backs printed with the company's name, logo or slogan. But despite the product it advertises, a mirror like this one, at 2 1/2 inches in diameter, probably wouldn't be the best for shaving.

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"Begin Early, Shave Yourself" suggests this Gillette advertising mirror with a printed calendar. Maybe a new, youthful look is in store for the new year!

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Advertising, sign, Airplane Rides, 1 dollar, Weather Permitting, crossed flags, War Ace, yellow arrow, painted, metal, wood frame, c. 1950, 16 x 34 1/2 inches, \$845.

Pottery-contemporary, jar, peaked lid, dark brown glaze, light brown and red brush strokes, shoulders, stoneware, signed, Val Murat Cushing, c. 1990, 16 1/2 inches, \$3,125.

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The story begins in the Middle Ages when citrus fruits were rare luxury items in Northern Europe. Oranges traveled from the Mediterranean through long trade routes, carefully packed and protected so they would not spoil. Only the wealthy tasted fresh citrus in winter, and the fruit was often displayed as a symbol of prosperity. As Christianity shaped holiday traditions, the orange became linked with the legendary generosity of Saint Nicholas. According to one of the oldest stories, the saint provided dowries for three impoverished daughters by tossing gold coins into their stockings as they dried by the fire. In later centuries the golden orange became a stand-in for that gift.

By the Victorian period, the orange had become one of the most meaningful Christmas gifts you could receive. Winters were harsh. Fresh fruit was limited. Families saved money to purchase a single bright orange for each child, often wrapped or polished with care. To a child in nineteenth century Europe, finding an orange on Christmas morning meant they were loved. It meant their parents had sacrificed and planned ahead. That orange carried the warmth of faraway places and the hope of spring returning after the long winter.

The tradition also grew through the rise of European Christmas markets. Citrus from Spain and Italy began reaching northern cities in December, filling the air with their sweet, unmistakable scent. Markets from Nuremberg to Vienna displayed crates of bright oranges like jewels. They were still special, still precious, but now they were within reach for ordinary families. Placing one in a stocking became a way of bringing color and light into the home during the darkest season of the year.

Immigrants carried this tradition to the United States, Canada, and Australia. Families who had experienced hardship or lived through difficult winters held on to the custom with pride. Oranges became symbols of gratitude. They were a reminder that even in lean times there was beauty to be shared. Many grandparents who grew up during the Depression recall the excitement of receiving a single orange on Christmas morning. For them it was a moment of pure abundance. A holiday treasure.

Today the world has changed. Oranges are everywhere. Yet the tradition remains because it still carries meaning. A stocking filled with small gifts and a bright orange at the bottom is a link to centuries of European storytelling. It is a piece of history wrapped in citrus peel. A reminder that generosity can be simple. That beauty can come from something as small as fruit shining in the cold light of winter.

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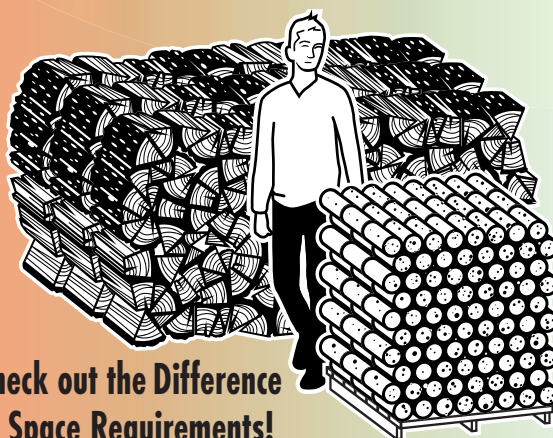
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# Why Stock Sterile Fish?

## Part 1 of 2

— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —



**Sterile fish are an important tool in a fisheries manager's toolbox**

Many of the trout the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) stocks into Idaho's streams, lakes, and reservoirs cannot reproduce. Stocking sterile trout in these locations is an intentional management action. The most commonly stocked sterile fish in Idaho is Rainbow Trout. We stock triploid Rainbow Trout, meaning these fish have three complete sets of chromosomes instead of two. This makes them sterile. Hatchery staff induce triploidy by interrupting the early stages of embryo development shortly after fertilization with high pressure (several thousand psi) which causes the egg to retain an extra set of chromosomes and renders the fish sterile. Other times, IDFG uses hybrid combinations such as Tiger Trout or Tiger Musky that are naturally sterile. Sterile fish are an important tool in a fisheries manager's toolbox because they allow fishery managers to have more direct control over a population's density and their potential to cause detrimental genetic impacts to wild fish.



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However, before we can discuss fish management scenarios that involve stocking sterile versus fertile fish, we first must understand how hatchery trout impact wild trout populations. There is a lot of misunderstanding on this topic, and it has been the subject of major research efforts IDFG has conducted. Intuitively, some anglers may be concerned that stocking catchable sized trout (8+ inches) in systems supporting existing wild trout could result in negative impacts to the wild trout population due to competition for food and space. However, the lifespan of a catchable sized trout from a hatchery is quite short

in streams and rivers. These fish are raised in a very different environment to wild populations, which contributes to a far shorter lifespan. In a study carried out in Idaho waters, the research team of Meyer et al. 2012 observed no impacts of stocking high densities of hatchery catchable Rainbow Trout on wild Rainbow Trout in several Idaho streams. They determined "The lack of population-level effects from stocking catchables was not surprising considering the high short-term mortality and the socially and physiologically naive behavior typically exhibited by hatchery catchables stocked in lotic systems." The take home message is that hatchery catchable trout have no effect on wild trout in Idaho streams and rivers. Thus, the addition of sterile Rainbow Trout catchables is a strategy used to augment catch rates and/or provide additional harvest opportunity.



Catchable trout in a hatchery raceway

Sometimes IDFG stocks sterile fish because we want to have more control over the numbers of fish, as to meet the fisheries management goals we have for that waterway. An example would be stocking Tiger Trout into a mountain lake. If our goal for a mountain lake is for it to have trophy Tiger Trout, then we will want to keep that population at a relatively low population density. At lower densities, the fish will not have as much competition for resources and thereby have faster growth rates which leads to an overall bigger size at maximum ages. This allows the fish to grow to larger sizes and produces a trophy fishery.



Tiger Trout



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# Why Stock Sterile Fish?

## Part 2 of 2

— Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game —



In more rare cases, we may use sterile fish as a biocontrol. We have done this with Tiger Musky in an attempt to reduce invasive Brook Trout in some systems. There, our long-term goal is either the eradication of the undesirable species or a suitable decrease in abundance to result in increased overall size of individual fish which would make the fish more desirable to anglers. A stunted Brook Trout population in a mountain lake would be an example of this type of situation. Tiger Musky can be an effective predator in some lakes, depending on habitat types, and over time can reduce a Brook Trout population to the point where surviving Brook Trout grow larger, which provides a quality or trophy fishery for both Tiger Musky and Brook Trout.



Tiger Muskie

More examples include Birch Creek and the Henrys Fork at Macks Inn. Birch Creek has healthy wild Rainbow and Brook trout populations. While these populations are healthy, Birch Creek is a popular fishery and garners substantial angling effort. The addition of sterile Rainbow Trout catchables increases angler catch rates and harvest opportunity beyond what Birch Creek can support naturally, and provides these benefits without negatively affecting wild trout survival, growth, abundance, or genetics. Another example is the Macks Inn reach of the Henrys Fork Snake River. When IDFG considers stocking hatchery fish in a stream or river supporting wild reproducing trout such as the Henrys Fork, we often do not want the stocked fish to influence the genetics (and consequently the behavior and traits) of the wild trout present which have proven to be well-adapted to local stream conditions. Stocking sterile Rainbow Trout into the Macks Inn reach of the Henrys Fork augments angler catch while

protecting the genetics of native Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout present in the Henrys Fork and Henrys Lake outlet.



Fishing Birch Creek

In some cases, IDFG does stock fertile, diploid fish which can reproduce. Here our goal may be for the stocking to supplement the population and contribute to the fishery's recruitment. Mackay Reservoir is an example of this. Mackay Reservoir, like a lot of western reservoirs, goes through large, seasonal fluctuations in water level. This can lead to recruitment problems, so we stock fertile fish to mitigate this bottleneck. In other cases, such as Henrys Lake, we will stock fertile Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout that naturally want to migrate into spawning tributaries to spawn in order to boost natural production in Henrys Lake tributaries and to continue to provide a viable egg source to fill hatchery requests for not only Henrys Lake but several other waters where Henrys Lake Cutthroat Trout are stocked throughout the state. So, while IDFG often stocks sterile fish, there are many cases where stocking fertile fish better aligns with our fisheries management objectives.



Fertile Henrys Lake Cutthroat

Overall, there are several things IDFG takes into consideration regarding our fish stocking strategies. The ability to use sterile hatchery fish in Idaho greatly increases the opportunities for hatcheries to supplement fisheries across the state. While the situation and reasons for different stocking strategies are dependent on location, IDFG consistently strives to preserve, protect, perpetuate, and properly manage the fishery resources in this great state.

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**Answers**

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3. Clear Gutters and Downspouts

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and water damage. Clear leaves and debris, and ensure downspouts direct water away from your foundation, which can help prevent additional problems when snow melts and refreezes.

4. Protect Pipes

Frozen pipes can burst and cause major damage. In basements, attics and crawl spaces, insulate any exposed pipes, and consider letting faucets drip slightly to keep water moving on especially chilly nights.

5. Reverse Ceiling Fans

During the winter months, ensure your ceiling fans are spinning clockwise, which helps push warm air down, improving heat circulation and comfort in your living spaces. Don't forget to flip them back to counterclockwise in the spring to move hot air upwards to keep your home comfortable.

6. Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Heating systems, fireplaces and space heaters, which are more often in use during the winter months, can increase fire and carbon monoxide risks. Test your detectors, replacing batteries if necessary, and ensure you have a carbon monoxide detector on each level of your home and a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area.

7. Winterize Outdoor Faucets and Hoses

To prevent freezing, shut off outdoor water valves and disconnect garden hoses. For extra protection, consider installing insulated faucet covers.

Don't wait until the first snow to prepare. Visit [eLivingtoday.com](http://eLivingtoday.com) for more tips to keep your home cozy all winter long.

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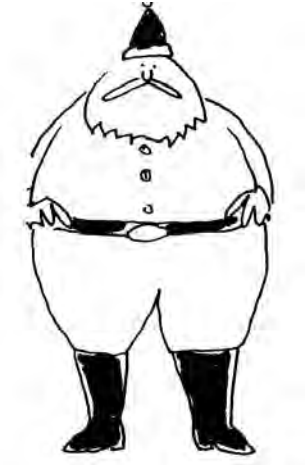
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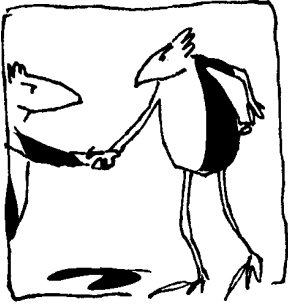
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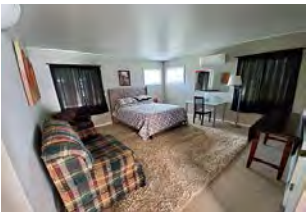
Birds of Prey Northwest, located just north of St. Maries, suffered significant damage to their aviaries and surrounding trees. They are now facing major cleanup, tree removal, and rebuilding costs—all while continuing to care for injured and recovering raptors.

This organization serves both Idaho and Washington, relying heavily on volunteers who transport injured birds—sometimes traveling as far as Utah to save them. For the most severe cases, Birds of Prey Northwest works directly with the University of Washington to ensure raptors receive the specialized care they need.

Beyond rescue and rehabilitation, they have dedicated hundreds of hours educating local kids in schools and libraries about raptors, wildlife conservation, and the critical role these birds play in our ecosystems.

They now need the community they've served for so long to rally behind them. To donate, please visit: [gofund.me/daaceec81](https://gofund.me/daaceec81). If you're unable to help directly, please consider sharing their story with others!

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And now, when we make this thrifty and tasty stew in our home, my family does the same. Share this recipe and your stories with family and friends as you celebrate Kwanzaa and other special events in the coming new year.

Here is what you'll need for 6-8 servings:

One 3 to 3-1/2 pound fryer chicken, cut up

1/2 cup flour

2 tablespoons peanut oil

1 14-ounce can stewed tomatoes, drained

1 large sweet potato, peeled and cubed

1 large onion, chopped

1/4 cup canned chopped chilies, mild or hot to taste (optional)

1 teaspoon salt

2 cups chicken broth, canned or fresh

1/2 cup chopped unsalted peanuts

3 hard-boiled eggs (optional)

Chopped parsley garnish

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Let your child measure and pour flour into a clean plastic or paper bag. Shake the chicken in the flour. An adult may fry the flour-coated pieces in the oil for several minutes in a large frying pan, until golden brown. The chicken doesn't need to be cooked through at this stage.

Place the chicken in a large ovenproof casserole dish or stew pot. Let your child add the tomatoes, sweet potato, onion, chilies and salt. Pour the chicken broth over the chicken and sprinkle with the chopped peanuts. Cover and place in the oven for 1 hour.

When the stew is finished cooking, if you wish, slice the peeled hard-boiled eggs in half and arrange them around the edge of the steaming stew. Sprinkle with fresh parsley. Place at the middle of the table along with a bowl of rice and serve with a big spoon.

Parenting Tip: Some people like their chilies mild, others hot. Many kids prefer to skip them altogether! If your kids would rather not have them, it's better to put the chilies on hold and make a dish the whole family can gather around.



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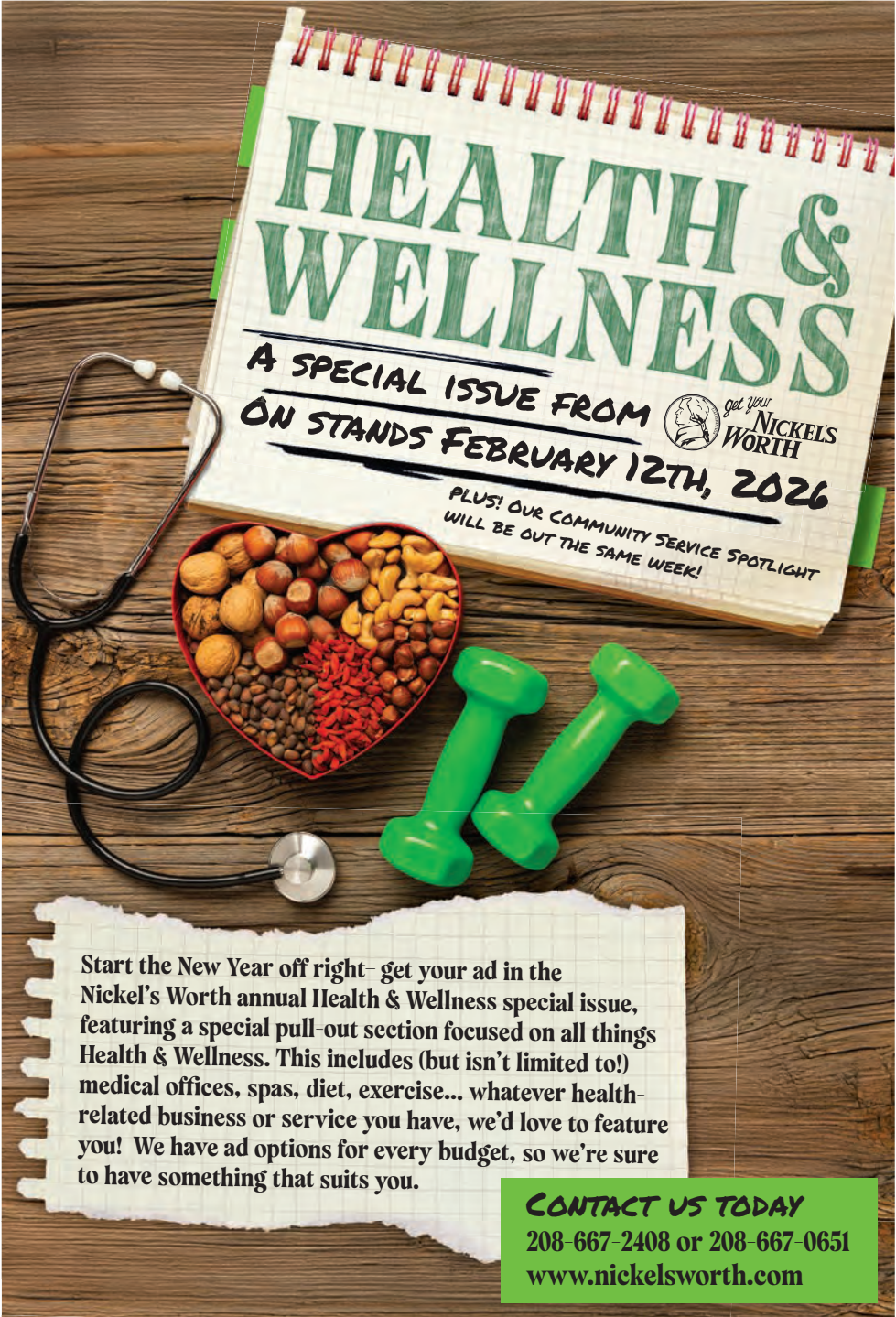
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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February

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March

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8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
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April

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June

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14	15	16	17	18 Outdoor Issue	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
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November

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			Local Shopping Issue	Thanksgiving		
29	30					

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Winter Business Card Book			
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Christmas Eve	Christmas	
27	28	29	30	31		
				New Year's Eve		





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# Community Calendar

**Bridal Tour & 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!

**Herbal Allies: Homemade Natural Remedies**, noon-1pm Tuesday, Jan. 20th, for ages 13+ at CdA Library. Local naturopathic medical doctor Casey Carr will explain how gardens can grow herbs to create homemade remedies, from tea blends to elixirs.

**11th Annual Seed Swap**, 1pm-3pm Saturday, Jan. 31st, at CdA Library. Take extra seeds (home-saved or purchased) to share, and learn about seed-saving from regional experts and which varieites are well-adapted for North Idaho growing conditions. No seeds to share? That's OK too.

**Outreach Eats**, every Thursday, welcoming kids to stop by after school for a healthy snack or sandwich. Garry and Robin Mickelson's goal is to listen to each young person about their week and impress on each one that they are important and have a community that cares about them. [www.outreacheats.org](http://www.outreacheats.org)

**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.

**Monday Community Breakfasts**, select Mondays, 7:30am-10pm, at the Blanchard Community Center, 685 Rusho Lane, Blanchard, ID. All ages welcome! Free dinner; donations are welcomed. Find breakfast dates on the calendar at the top of the following website: [www.blanchardidaho.net](http://www.blanchardidaho.net)

**Wednesday LOUs — Lunch on Us**, noon every Wednesday, Bayview Community Center, 20298 E. Perimeter Road. Provided by volunteer chefs every Wed. for community members free of charge! All are welcome. Bring a dessert to share if you can.

**Community Dinner** every Tuesday at Cup of Grace, 31848 N. 4th Ave., Spirit Lake. Free dinner and all ages are welcome!

**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.

*Courtesy of Coeur d'Alene Insider. For more extensive calendar, visit: [www.cdainsider.com/calendar](http://www.cdainsider.com/calendar)*

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

**DORKIE PUPPIES! DAD IS** miniature Yorkie, mom is Yorkie/ Daschund. \$500. Gabe, 575-496-0403, Kootenai County. Pick up CdA

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**PUREBRED MINIATURE** Schnauzers available. They are 4 weeks old, will be ready to go in 3 weeks, will be fully vaccinated and dewormed and their tails are docked. \$1000 each. Located in Milton-Freewater, OR; can meet halfway for delivery. You can call or text at 509-301-3876

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## Pets of the Week: Trumpet and Lola

— Priest River Animal Rescue —

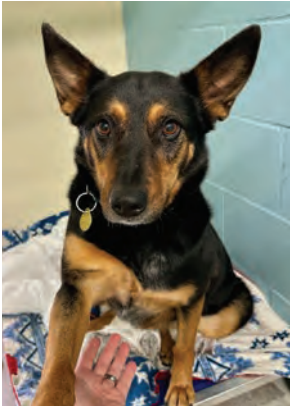


laughter to those around him. When he's not playing, Trumpet loves to curl up in a sunny spot with his fellow kittens, enjoying their warmth and company. His gentle nature and curiosity make him a wonderful companion, filling every moment with joy and energy as he awaits the perfect "furrever" family to call his own.



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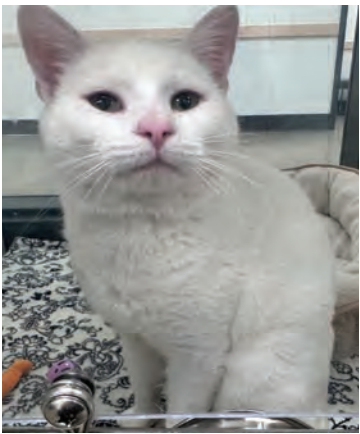
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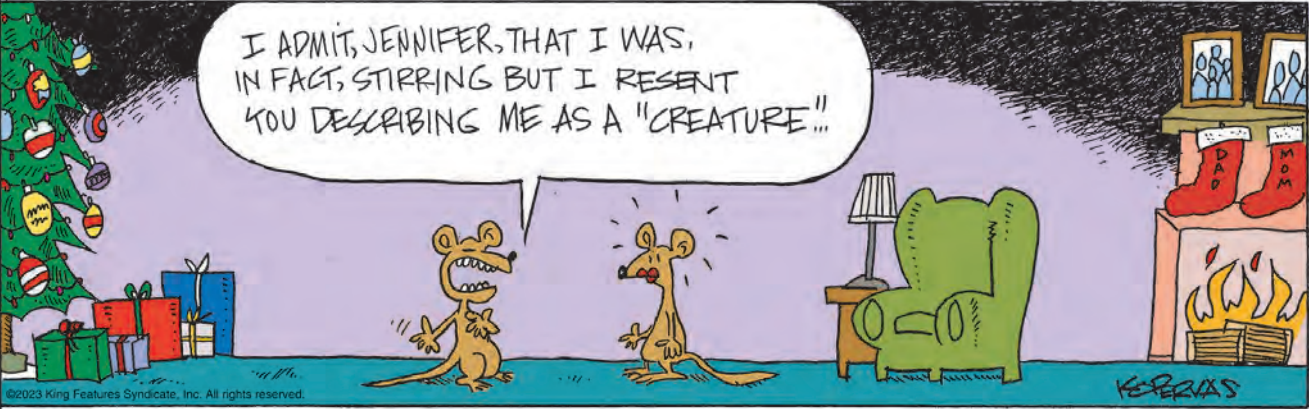
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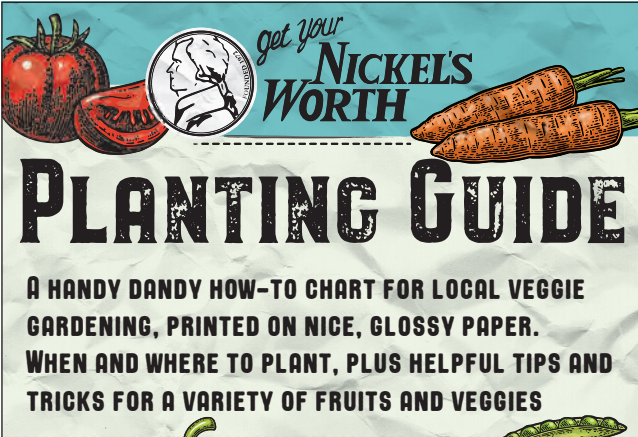
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## Sports QUIZ

by Ryan A. Berenz

1. FootJoy is a leading brand of shoes, gloves and apparel made for what sport?
2. What Racing Hall of Fame jockey from Puerto Rico won eight U.S. Triple Crown series races from 1974-85?
3. What caused umpire Bill Haller to eject Baltimore Orioles manager Earl Weaver from a game versus the Minnesota Twins on Aug. 2, 1969?
4. How many touchdowns did Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander score in the first half of a 48-23 win over the Minnesota Vikings on Sept. 29, 2002?
5. What NBA expansion team had a 7-44 record before finally winning its first road game at the Atlanta Hawks on Feb. 8, 1975?
6. What two brothers, both rookie pitchers, started against each other in a 1986 game between the Philadelphia Phillies and the Chicago Cubs?
7. Butch van Breda Kolff was the head coach of which NBA team that lost the NBA Finals in consecutive seasons from 1968-69?



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- Answers**

  1. Golf
  2. Angel Cordero Jr.
  3. Weaver was smoking a cigarette in the dugout.
  4. Five (four rushing, one cigar)
  5. The New Orleans Jazz.
  6. Mike (Phillies) and Greg (Cubs) Maddux.
  7. The Los Angeles Lakers.

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- 1 Audibly  
6 Mission —, California  
11 Spill the beans  
15 Golf coups  
19 Perceive  
20 — Good Feelings  
21 Many a “Hee Haw” character  
22 Boxing event  
23 Involuntary leg reactions  
26 Stimulate  
27 — yung (Chinese dish)  
28 Rocket downer, for short  
29 Relative of a tank top  
31 “O Fortuna” composer Carl  
33 Some arm muscles, informally  
35 No. on a road sign  
36 “And that’s that”  
37 Note that recommends a job applicant, e.g.  
43 Wood-dressing tools  
44 Pigsty stuff

45 In the thick of

- 46 Dark, gloomy rock genre  
48 Fast, sporty auto  
51 “My treat”  
52 Greek “S”  
54 Face cover  
58 WWW address  
59 Longer-than-normal prison term  
62 Cat breed  
65 Region  
66 Long-unshaven  
67 What “have solved” is in, in terms of grammar  
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75 Aided in evil  
77 In bed  
83 Yoko of the avant-garde  
84 Utters  
85 Stimulate  
86 “Dame” Everage  
87 Cleric’s home  
89 Oregano, e.g.  
90 Telly watcher  
91 “Help us!”  
92 Cat food brand  
96 Innermost parts

103 Cuba’s largest city

- 105 “Norma —”  
106 Get it wrong  
107 Cel figure  
108 Fir or spruce  
113 — Lingus  
115 Cato’s 1,101  
116 Monopoly expense  
117 2020 drama thriller film  
120 El —, Texas  
121 “Why should — you?”  
122 Concur  
123 Carried, as a load  
124 Loads  
125 Stitches up  
126 Lunchtimes, often  
127 Pack-toting equines

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- 1 Solicit  
2 “The Raven” maiden  
3 Done just a single time  
4 Purpose  
5 “It’s — vu all over again”  
6 Pests like rats and roaches  
7 Rile  
8 Lobed body parts  
9 “Piano Man” singer Billy

10 Proposed for consideration

- 11 Nominal military promotion  
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13 Cain’s victim  
14 Plagued (by)  
15 Treated badly  
16 Congress’ Alexandria Ocasio- —  
17 University of Oregon’s city  
18 Spirited horses  
24 Abated  
25 Riga native, old-style  
30 Old Iranian ruler  
32 Disaster relief gp.  
34 Insufficient  
38 Futuristic sci-fi play of 1921  
39 Single-named supermodel  
40 Mortgage claim  
41 Case for ova  
42 Italy’s capital  
47 Beige  
48 Gloomy —  
49 Level just below  
50 Lucidness  
51 Plow beasts

52 Feudal peon

- 53 Concept, in Calais  
54 Signified  
55 Jennifer of “The Switch”  
56 Lint catchers  
57 Lock partner  
59 Memphis-to-Atlanta dir.  
60 Has the gumption  
61 Fare- — -well  
63 Feline cries  
64 Cato’s “to be”  
68 Cathode-ray picture producer  
69 Oom- — (tuba sounds)  
70 Sword type  
71 “Ciao!”  
72 Samantha Bee’s station  
73 “NCIS” network  
76 Stag’s mate  
78 Prior to, in odes  
79 Opposite of south, in France  
80 That girl’s  
81 Fix text  
82 — nous (in confidence)  
87 “The Simpsons” bartender  
88 Admin. aide

89 With 118- Down, do a surfing stunt

- 90 Brewski container  
91 Fastener fitting into a nut  
92 Helper in the Himalayas  
93 Lace into  
94 “OK, but still ...”  
95 Red Cross founder Clara  
97 Film director Lubitsch and physicist Mach  
98 Liver spread  
99 Wipes clean  
100 Actress Suzanne  
101 Epoch of the first whales  
102 “Blade” star Wesley  
104 “— a jealous mistress”  
109 Jennifer of “Zero Dark Thirty”  
110 “So nasty!”  
111 Hence  
112 Architect Saarinen  
114 Singer McEntire  
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119 Boxing wallops

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## Lynch Syndrome Patient Is Unsure Whether To Stop Colonoscopy

**DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 79-year-old female who is currently on biannual infusions for osteoporosis and high cholesterol. In 2018, I was diagnosed with Lynch syndrome with an MSH6 deviation. The genetic testing was done after I had breast cancer, endometrial cancer, and a colectomy for three years in a row. Yearly colonoscopies have been included in my preventive care.**

**In 2022, during my colonoscopy, I experienced excessive vagal tone and needed atropine to restore my heart beat. Since this time, I have been given Robinul prior to the procedure, which has prevented another incident of bradycardia. My gastroenterologist isn't recommending any more colonoscopies due to this cardiac issue and my age.**

**I have always been told that colonoscopies are necessary to prevent cancerous polyps from occurring. Is the risk of a colonoscopy under these circumstances greater than the risk of my getting colon cancer due to Lynch syndrome? -- F.M.**

**ANSWER:** People with Lynch syndrome are at an increased risk for a variety of cancers, especially of the colon but also other parts of the gastrointestinal tract (stomach, small intestine, pancreas and bile duct). People with Lynch syndrome are also at an increased risk for endometrial and ovarian cancer (in women), prostate cancer (in men), and other cancers including skin and brain cancer. Gastroenterologists know that cancer of the colon can arise without a polyp.

For people with Lynch syndrome, a genetic analysis is recommended. The exact gene may help determine the optimal beginning time and frequency of a colonoscopy. The decision of when to discontinue

screening via a colonoscopy is not agreed upon by experts, but clearly when the risk of performing a colonoscopy is greater than the expected benefit, it's time to stop. This is less about reaching a certain age than it is about underlying medical conditions.

You have a slow heart rate during sedation for the colonoscopy, and it sounds as though your doctors have found a way to do the colonoscopy safely. Your lifetime risk of colon cancer, given your MSH carrier status, is estimated to be 20%, but at age 79, you have outlived much of your risk. Most cases of colon cancer in Lynch syndrome occur before age 80.

In my opinion, both the risks of a colonoscopy and the risk of developing colon cancer are low, which means that it is difficult to make a recommendation as to which way you should go. Stopping is reasonable, but if you feel strongly that you want to continue, this is also reasonable.

**DEAR DR. ROACH: I am an 80-year-old female who had shingles 30 years ago for six weeks. It subsequently came back permanently (herpetic neuralgia). I take 2,500 mg of gabapentin daily, which mostly controls the pain but does not help the tingling and numbness in the soles of my feet. Do you have any suggestions? -- P.S.V.**

**ANSWER:** I am sorry that you had this complication, which is one of the most known painful conditions. Gabapentin is an effective treatment for many people with painful neuropathies of any kind. A dose of 2,500 mg is very high but is often needed to get control of the pain; however, many people cannot tolerate this dose due to the fatigue and sleepiness that it often causes.

In my experience, some people can get pain relief from gabapentin without getting relief from the numbness and tingling. It is possible that even higher doses might help (the maximum dose is 3,600 mg), but before trying this, your doctor might consider a second type of treatment for neuropathy, such as a tricyclic agent or an SNRI.

These drugs were developed for depression but can be used for neuropathy symptoms. Sometimes, multiple medicines allow for better symptom relief with less side effects than very high doses of just one medicine.

*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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Some mornings during Christmas week feel like a snow globe someone shook a little too hard. Kids bouncing. Guests snoozing. Coffee brewing. And you, standing in the kitchen wondering how to feed everyone without flipping French toast for a crowd.

This is the moment for a make-ahead beauty: my Pear & Almond French Toast Bake. It's a cozy, custardy breakfast casserole that comes together the night before (or even two days before), then bakes into golden, fragrant bliss in just 20 minutes. The secret twist is canned pears. Yes, canned -- soft, sweet, inexpensive and absolute magic when tucked into almond-kissed bread pudding with a vanilla-almond custard.

It tastes like you fussed for hours. It behaves like you barely lifted a finger. And during the week of Christmas, that's a small holiday miracle.

Day-old bread is your best friend here. Slightly dry cubes soak up the custard like a dream, giving you that soft-inside, golden-outside texture we love in a breakfast bake. Challah, croissants or brioche will make this casserole extra rich and luxurious, but an everyday artisan loaf works beautifully too. I used a sturdy sourdough, which holds its shape and adds a gentle tang that plays nicely with the sweet pears.

## PEAR AND ALMOND FRENCH TOAST BAKE

Yield: 4 servings

Total Time: 20 minutes active

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3/4 cup slivered almonds

1 (15-ounce) can pear halves in juice, juice reserved

1 cup whole milk

1/2 cup heavy cream

4 large eggs

1/4 cup reserved pear juice

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/2 teaspoon almond extract

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1 tablespoon flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

6 cups bread cubes (1-inch cubes)

1/4 cup dried cherries, cranberries or raisins (optional)

## Maple Pear Syrup

2/3 cup reserved pear juice

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1/4 cup pure maple syrup

A make-ahead breakfast with juicy pears, golden almonds and a warm, almond-vanilla custard.

Toast the almonds. Place the slivered almonds in a small, dry saucepan over low heat. Cook, stirring often, until lightly browned and fragrant, 5-10 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool. Set aside.

Prep the pears. Drain the canned pears, reserving all the juice. Refrigerate the pear halves until ready to bake.

Make the custard. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the

milk, cream, eggs, 1/4 cup pear juice, vanilla, almond extract and brown sugar. Add the flour, baking powder and salt, whisking until completely smooth with no floury lumps.

Soak the bread. Stir the bread cubes into the custard, making sure every piece is coated. Cover and refrigerate until ready to bake (anything from 1 hour to overnight).

## To Make the Maple Pear Syrup

In a small saucepan, combine 2/3 cup pear juice and brown sugar. Bring to a simmer over medium heat and cook until reduced by about half. Remove from heat and stir in the maple syrup. Let cool, then refrigerate.

When you want to bake the casserole. Preheat the oven to 350 F.

Grease an 8x8-inch baking pan, or four individual 8-12-ounce oven-safe dishes (like ramekins, au gratin dishes, etc.).

Remove the soaked bread from the refrigerator. Stir in half the toasted almonds and the dried fruit, if using. Pour the mixture into the prepared baking dish(es). Nestle a pear half into each individual dish or evenly space all pear halves in the larger pan. Scatter the remaining almonds on top.

Bake until the top is golden and the custard is set in the center, 25-30 minutes. Drizzle with the Maple Pear Syrup and serve warm. Merry Christmas from Divas On A Dime!

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by Barbara Nimke

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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina, who competed from 1956-64, is tied for the second-most career Olympic gold medals with how many?
2. What did federal agents discover hidden underneath a ticket booth at Middle Georgia Raceway in 1967?
3. Name the singer, actor and philanthropist who was the owner of the 1969 American Basketball Association champion Oakland Oaks team.
4. He's a Pro Football Hall of Fame wide receiver who won Super Bowl XLI with the Indianapolis Colts. His son was selected by the Arizona Cardinals in the first round of the 2024 NFL Draft. Who are they?
5. What mountaineer completed the first-ever ski descent of Mount Everest's Hornbein Couloir on the north face in October 2025? (Hint: He shares a name with a "Light My Fire" singer.)
6. Dancer/actress Janet Jones married what NHL hockey star in 1988?
7. The Baku City Circuit, which first hosted a Formula 1 Grand Prix race in 2016, is located in what country?

Answers:  
1. Nine.  
2. A moonshine distillery.  
3. Pat Boone.  
4. Marvin Harrison and 7. Azerbaijan.  
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Thank-You Note Day

December 26th

— National Day Calendar —



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Taking the time to thank family and friends with a personalized message has special meaning. The receiver of the “thank-you” will enjoy getting the card in the mail and the message you have written. Personal messages also convey to friends and family a deeper, more intimate sentiment. These handwritten notes, however brief, carry a tactile expression of thanks that verbal communication often lacks.

Never underestimate the power of saying “THANK YOU!”

HOW TO OBSERVE THANKYOU NOTE DAY

Writing a thank-you has become a bit of a lost art. We have provided a few tips to help along the way.

Begin your thank-you by acknowledging the specific gift and how thoughtful it is. If the gift was delivered, then assure the sender it arrived safely and how much you enjoy it.

If the giver presented the gift personally, mention something you remember from your visit. Then thank them for the perfect gift they took the time to bring by describing it and how ideal it is for you.

Close your thank-you by gushing about how kind the giver was for remembering you!

Within a few lines, you will have the knack of writing thank-you cards. Share your tips using

Community Calendar

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NATIONAL THANK-YOU NOTE DAY HISTORY

National Day Calendar will send a personal thank-you note to the founder of this correspondence day when we hear from them.

Thank-You Note FAQ

Q. Besides Christmastime, what other times are important to remember thank-you cards?

A. Not every gift requires a written thank-you note. However, sending a thank-you note for those occasional, unexpected gifts will be appreciated. Other times when you should send a thank-you card include:

- Wedding gifts
- Shower gifts (baby and bridal)
- Patrons of your business
- House warming gifts
- When you’ve been a houseguest
- When someone completes an exceptionally difficult task or provides a service on short notice
- Birthday gifts, especially if they are mailed to you or were given during a party, large or small
- After receiving a promotion

Q. When do I use a hyphen in the phrase “thank you.”

A. The phrase “thank you” appears with and without a hyphen for a couple of different reasons. First, the only time the phrase “thank you” is without a hyphen is when the word “thank” is used as a verb. Typically that happens during the act of thanking someone. “I thank you for your kind words.” “Thank you for caring for your donation.” We add a hyphen when the words “thank” and “you” modify a noun or if the phrase is a noun. Examples are provided below:

- “I picked up thank-you notes today.” (modifies “notes”)
- “I received a thank-you card from Alice in the mail.” (modifies “notes”)
- “Will you be sending thank-yous, or shall I?” (noun)
- “Don’t forget to send a thank-you.” (noun)

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