

Hints for Homemakers

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Dip Puts Her in Chips—for \$1,000

A Los Angeles area woman is in the chips for her recipe for a dip.

Top money, a \$1,000 government E bond, went to Mrs. Sylvia Fradkin, 804 Garfield Ave., Montebello, for the best chip dip recipe in a nation-wide



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contest sponsored by the Potato Chip Institute International.

Mrs. Fradkin's recipe for a chestnut dip scored highest in taste, texture, originality and consistency of the 94,000 recipes submitted.

Other dip recipes given here were prize winners.

CHESTNUT CHIP DIP

1 lb. chestnuts, peeled
2 cups chicken broth
1 small onion, grated
Cook chestnuts in broth until soft. Mash well with 1 1/2 cups of the broth in which they were cooked or put into blender. Gradually add remaining chicken broth until mixture reaches dipping consistency. Add onion. (If canned chestnuts are used, use 1 cup chicken broth.) Makes about 2 cups.

GRAPEFRUIT ZIP CHIP DIP

2 3-oz. pkg. cream cheese
8 drops hot pepper sauce
1/2 tsp. Worcestershire
1 1/2 tsp. lemon juice
1/2 grapefruit
Combine cream cheese, hot pepper sauce, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice. Beat well. Remove segments from grapefruit and cut into tiny bits. Fold into mixture. Place dip mixture into grapefruit shell and place in a small dish. Chill until ready to

serve. Garnish with paprika and parsley, if wished. Serve with potato chips. Makes about 1 1/4 cups.

HOT FRIJOLE CHIP DIP

2 11-oz. cans chili beef soup
2 tbsp. dry red wine
1/2 cup onion, minced
1/2 cup diced green pepper
2-oz. bottle stuffed olives, sliced
1 tsp. chili powder
1/2 tsp. cumin
1 1/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Heat soup and wine in heavy saucepan over low heat. Add onion, pepper, olives, chili powder and cumin, stirring until mixture bubbles. Add 1 cup cheese, a little at a time, allowing cheese to melt after each addition. Pour into warm chafing dish. Sprinkle remaining cheese over top. Keep hot while serving. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

PINK CHIP DIP

2 1/4-oz. pkg. dry tomato soup mix
1 pt. dairy sour cream
2 4 1/2-oz. cans deviled ham

Combine soup mix, sour cream and deviled ham, blending well. Chill and serve with potato chips. Makes about 2 cups.

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Crunchy Cereal Cookies

Puffed rice cereal puts crunch in these coin-size date cookies.

DATE COINS

1 1/2 cups dates
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 cup brown sugar, packed
1 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 1/2 cups sifted flour
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. salt
3 cups puffed rice cereal
Chop dates coarsely. Cream together butter, peanut butter and sugars. Beat in eggs. Sift together flour, soda and salt. Blend into creamed mixture. Fold in dates and cereal. Form into three 9-in. rolls. Chill thoroughly. Cut into 1/4-in. slices. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 deg., 10 min., or until golden brown. Makes 7 doz. cookies.

Gourmet Touch

Add some finely chopped celery to softened pimiento or chive cheese and roll into small balls for a gourmet accompaniment to pear halves, peaches or fresh tomato quarters.

Spring is Sprung and there's Work to be Done

Prune your roses, evergreens, shrubs and trees . . . everything but the early spring shrubs like quince, forsythia, bridal wreath, etc. Prune those after flowering.

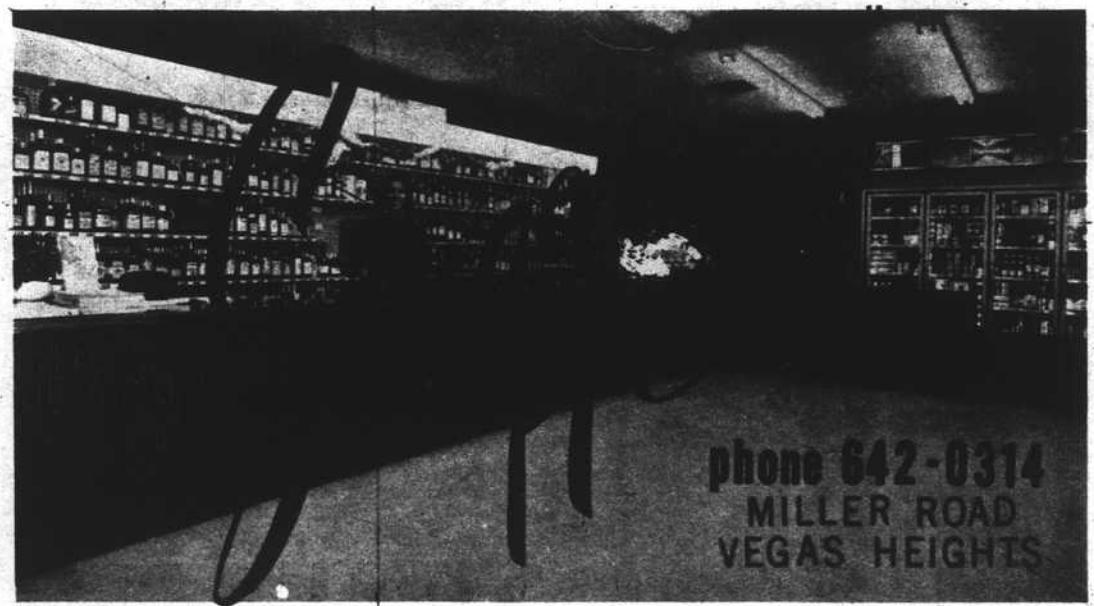
Spray with a multi-purpose pesticide . . . scale insects won't get a foothold if you spray now. Control of summer pests begins early.

Plant practically any hardy plants . . . shrubs, bare root or canned, roses, trees, asparagus, rhubarb, gladioli, primroses. You can seed sweet peas and garden peas now, but other seeds should be started indoors. It's also time to root begonia tubers indoors for planting out after frost danger. New lawns could be seeded now, but local landscape experts recommend waiting a few weeks.

Divide perennials and clean up the borders of any debris. Don't divide iris, daylilies and Oriental poppies until after bloom, however. Also, check rock garden plants. They may have been heaved out of the ground by frost.

Fertilize, especially the lawn. Choose a pelleted fertilizer high in nitrogen to get the most for your money. A complete fertilizer with phosphates and potassium is good for the flowers and vegetables. If you had yellow foliage on your roses and other plants last year, get some chelated iron to prevent chlorosis before your plants are weakened.

Control crab grass. A pre-emergence crab grass killer applied now will keep that ugly annual weed from germinating in June.



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