




PUNderful Cover Cachets

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Pun - A joke exploiting the different possible meanings of a word or the fact that there are words which sound alike but have different meanings.


Introduction

Puns are the type of humor that can be enjoyed by all ages.


They make us cringe, but they do bring laughter.

Puns are typically spontaneous “at the moment” type of humor.

They do require a good comprehension of the English language to deliver the pun successfully.



My "standard" FDC and commemorative covers can be viewed on my web site.



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Covers with class!

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Welcome to my web site! Presented here are a variety of my limited edition cacheted first day and commemorative covers. Take a look!
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<http://www.armstrongcachets.com>



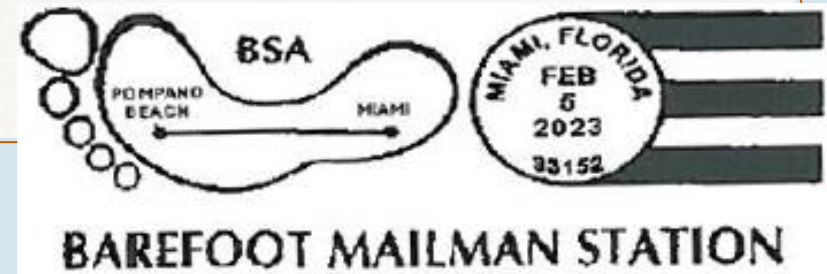
Armstrong

MY PUNS ARE
KOALA TEA



Florida has so many iconic symbols. I used several of them in the stamps and cachet to highlight the unique Miami cancel's design.

The term "barefoot mailman" refers to the carriers on the first U.S. Mail route (1885-1892) between Palm Beach and the settlements around the body of water known as Lake Worth on the north, and Miami, Coconut Grove, and Lemon City to the south. Mail was delivered on foot or by boat!



This set of 5 stamps features images taken by the 320 mile high Hubble telescope of interestingly named nebulae and galaxies.



LAGOON NEBULA



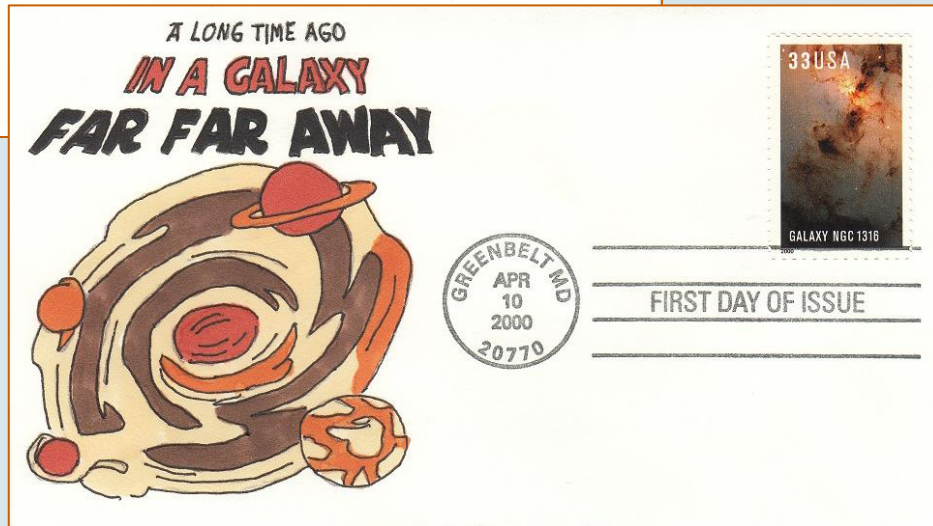
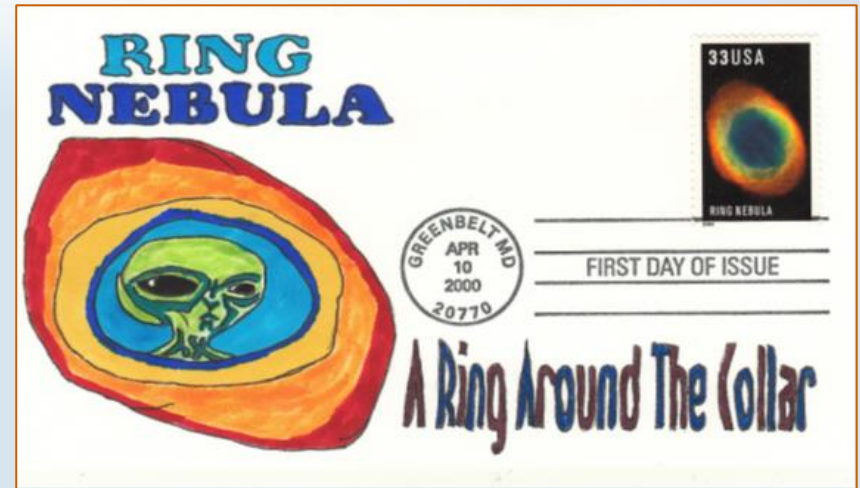
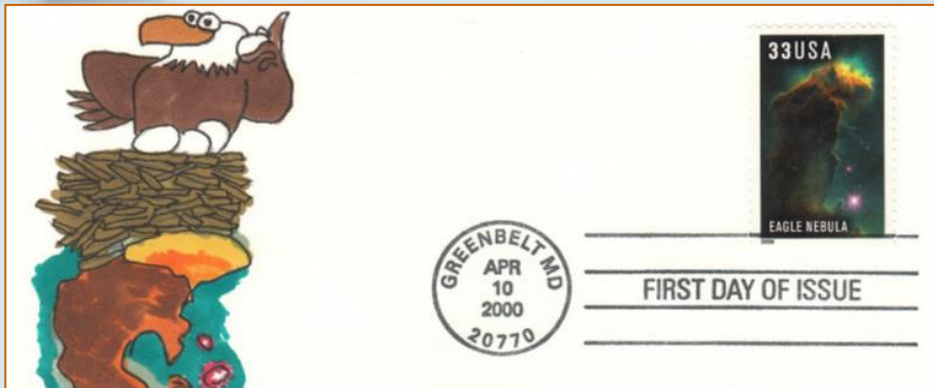
EGG NEBULA



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY YOKES

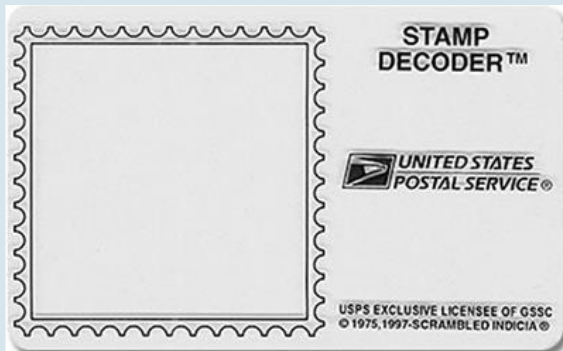
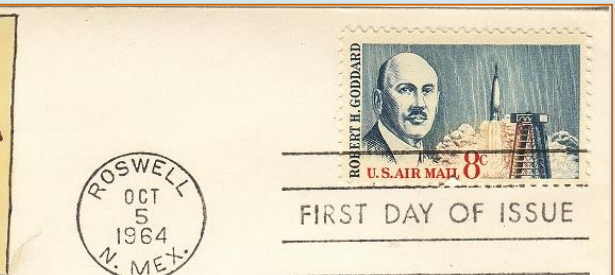
As you can see I decided to interject a little humor in these covers. Austin Powers and Dr. Evil must be out there somewhere!



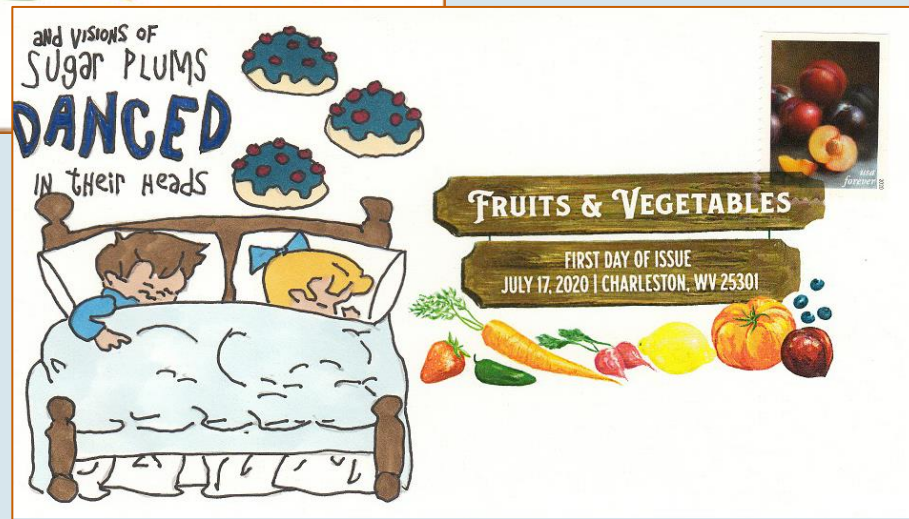
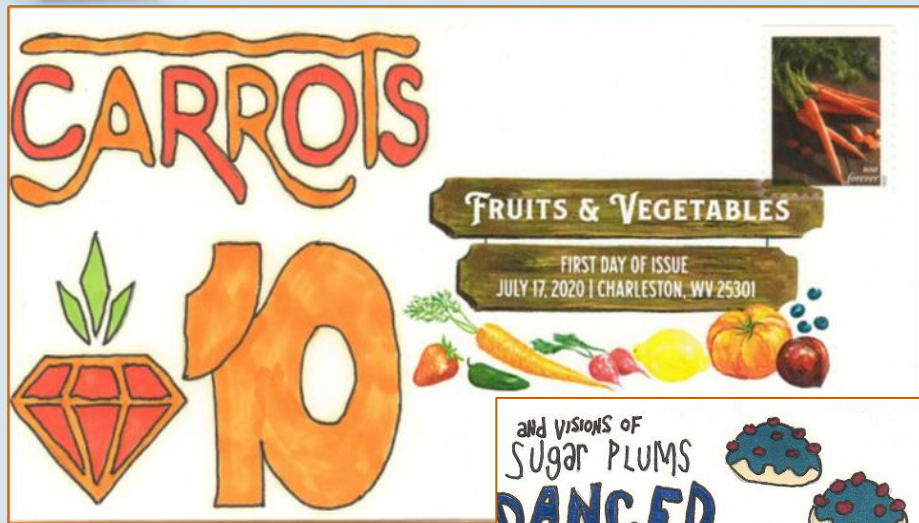
These two stamp issues are not necessarily related, except for an X-Files TV series episode I somehow subconsciously remembered...



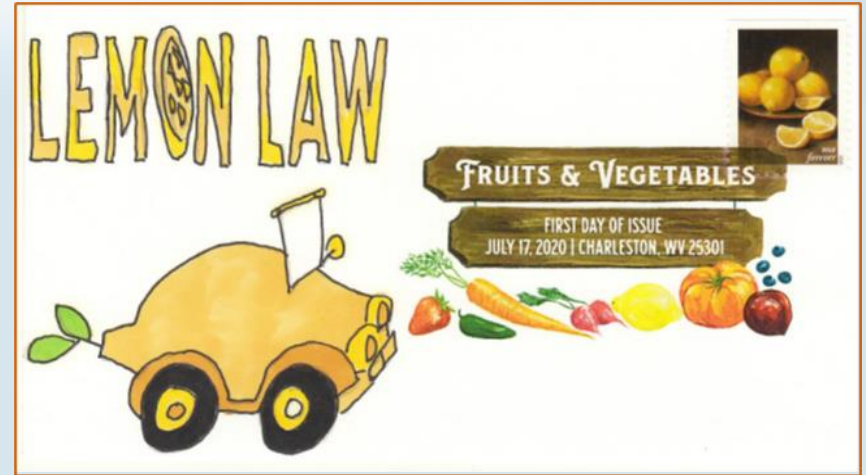
Using the special USPS Stamp Decoder on the stamp reveals the state's animal, a badger, among the clouds!



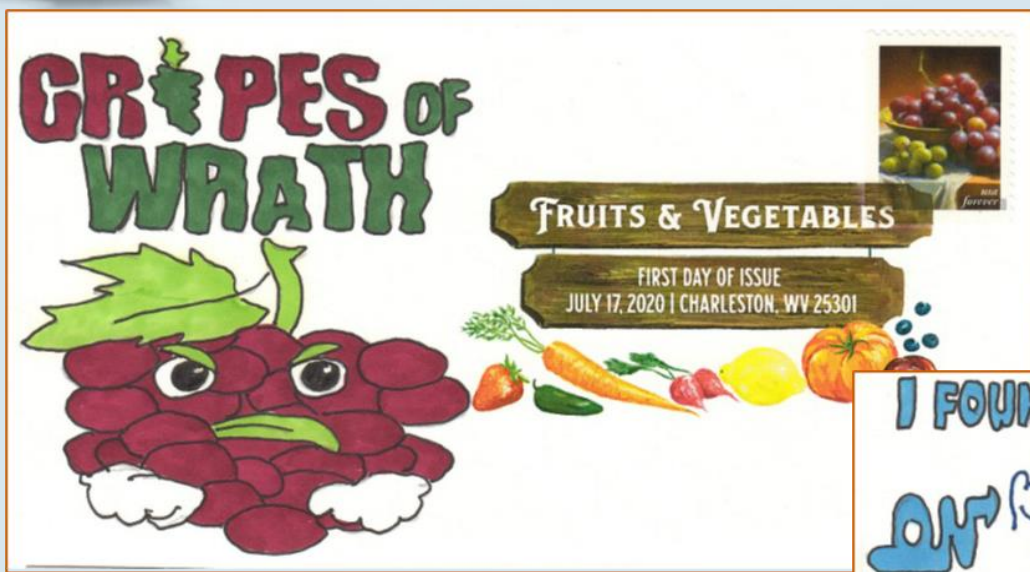
Here is the 2020 Fruits and Vegetables set of 10 stamps using their color cancel versions.



They celebrate the tradition of using fruits and vegetables as subjects for still life paintings. I think Picasso would “relish” my artwork.



Popular books, movies and songs make great sources for puns!



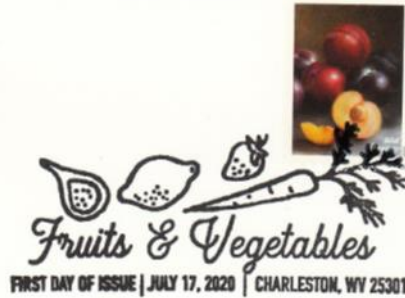
And you thought an “aubergine” (actually considered as a berry fruit by botanical definition) only referred to the emoji!



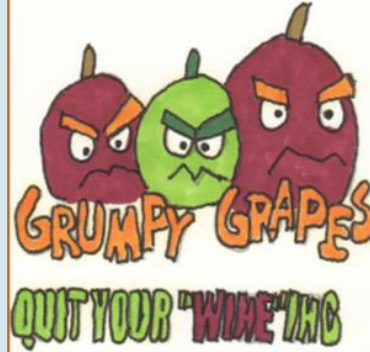
Here's the same set of 10 stamps using the standard black first day cancels with different cachets.



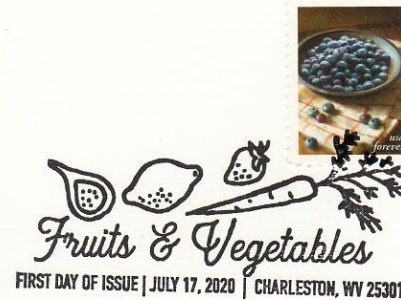
Plum Crazy



HEY YOU




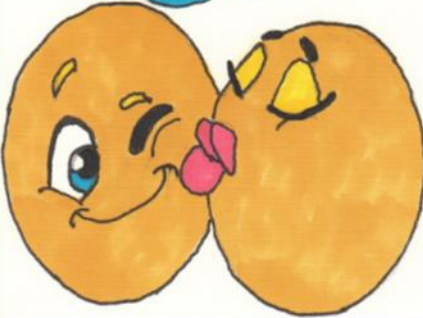
I'M FEELING SO BLUE



Vitamix these!



**Pucker
UP**



Fruits & Vegetables
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**LETTUCE
ENTERTAIN
YOU**



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**Strawberry
milkshake**



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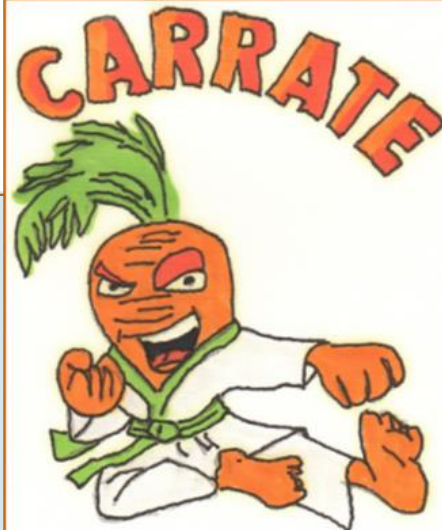
Don't Vitamix these!



Go Figure



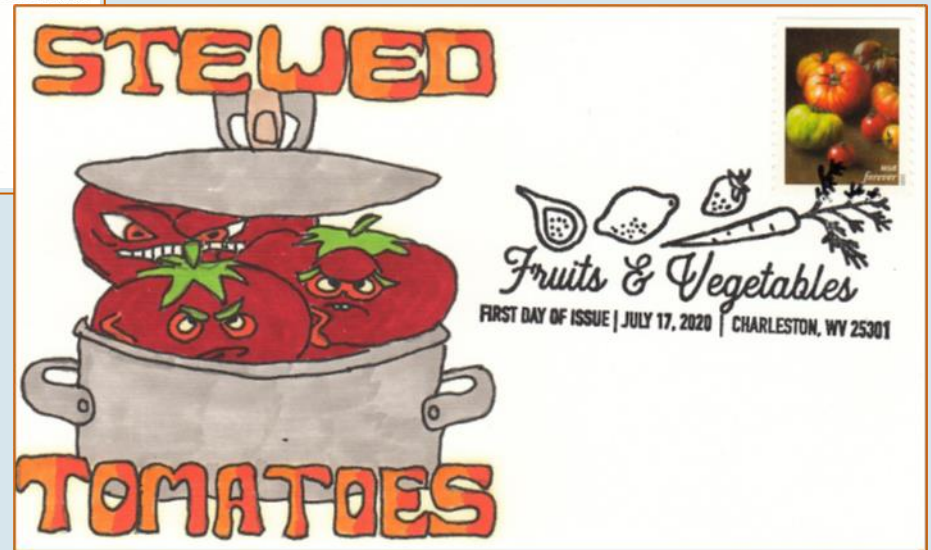
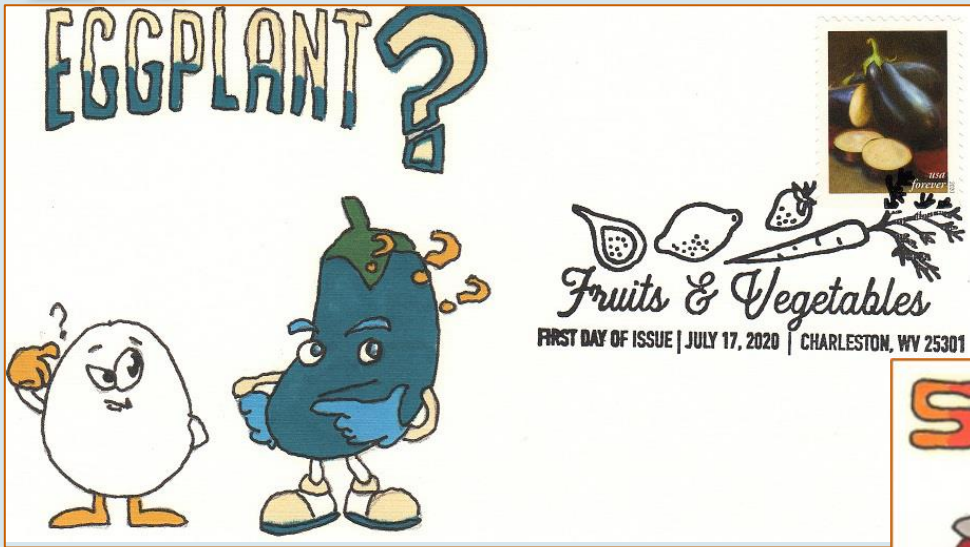
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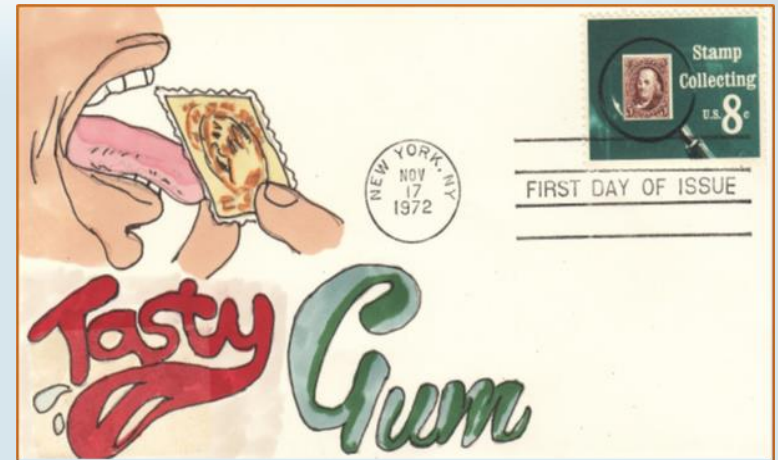
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I already discussed eggplant, but is a tomato a fruit or vegetable?
Answer: It's a fruit eaten as a vegetable.



My questionable humor at work again.
Just watch where you stick your tongue!



1989 Inauguration Day cancel

1972 Stamp Collecting

2021 Year of the Ox

I "did it my way" and couldn't wait to add this image to the ceremony's program—and it had nothing to do with Florida.



NORFOLK VA
JAN
30
2004
23501

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

EGRETS, I'VE HADA FEW

UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE

first day of issue ceremony



Snowy
Egret

Twenty 37-cent First-Class self-adhesive stamps \$7.40

I had a lot of fun making this cachet for the 2021 Brush Rabbit additional ounce stamp, worth 20 cents at the time. Hare-Larious, no?



I Like
Hoppy
Beer

THIS IS
HARE-LARIOUS



PUNS ARE
VERY BUNNY

What is a rabbit's
favorite dance style? - Hip Hop

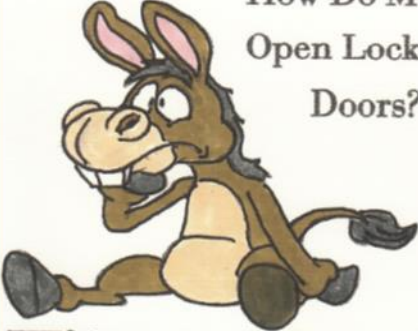


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I could not resist creating cachets for the 2021 Heritage Breed set of 10 animal stamps.



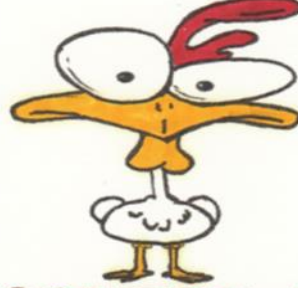
How Do Mules
Open Locked
Doors?




With don-keys!



Who Tells The
Funniest Hen Jokes?



COMEDI-HENS



DEJA MOO



The Feeling You Get When
You Have Heard That
Same Bull Before



Animals and kids (as well as the goat kind) have lots of pun-potential.



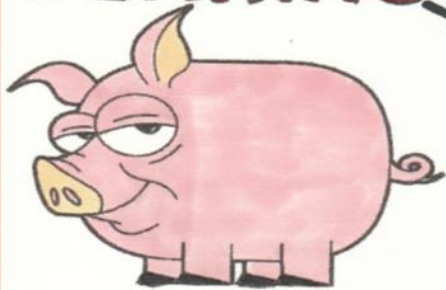
Why did the turkey join
the band? Cause he had
drumsticks!



Ewe like these?



Pig puns
are so
BOARING



I herd ewe like puns



No Need To Be
Sheepish About It



I SUSPECT



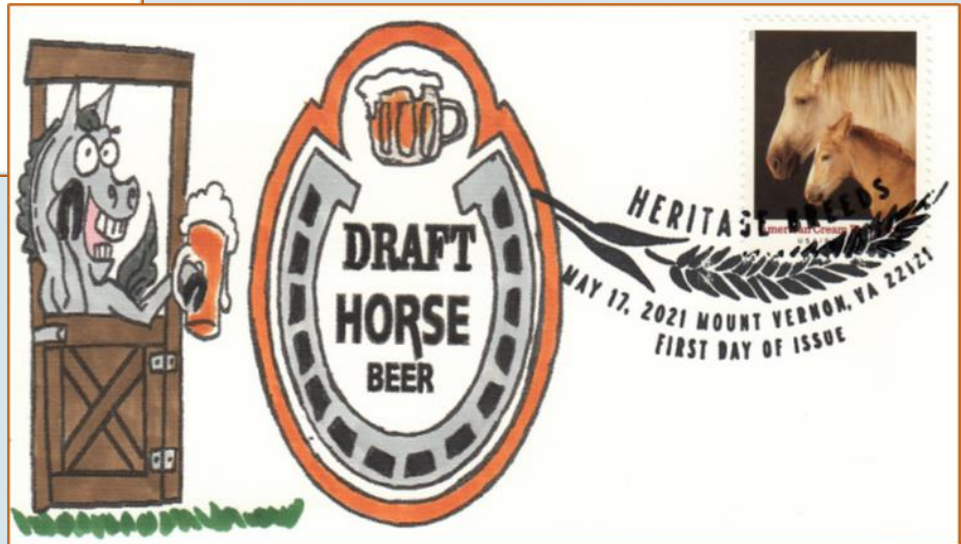
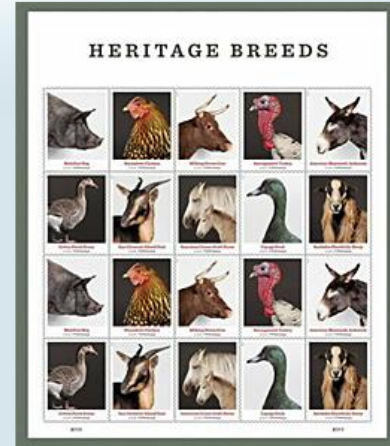
FOWL PLAY



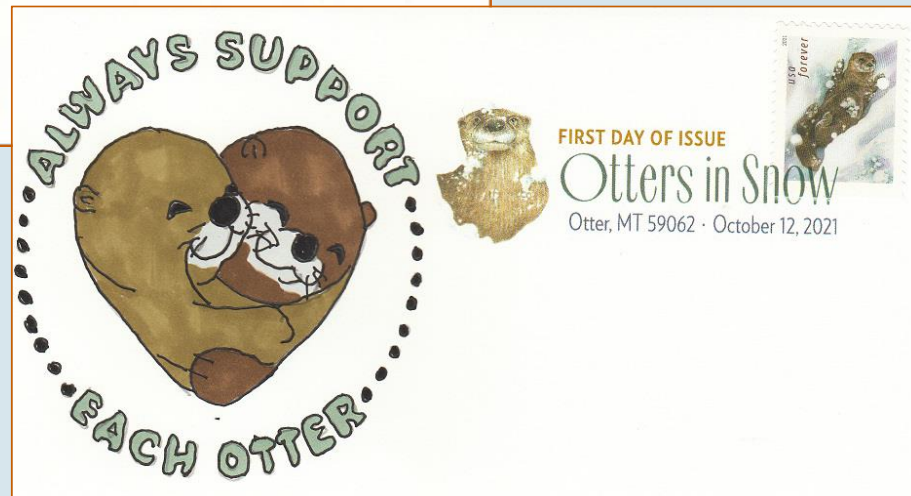
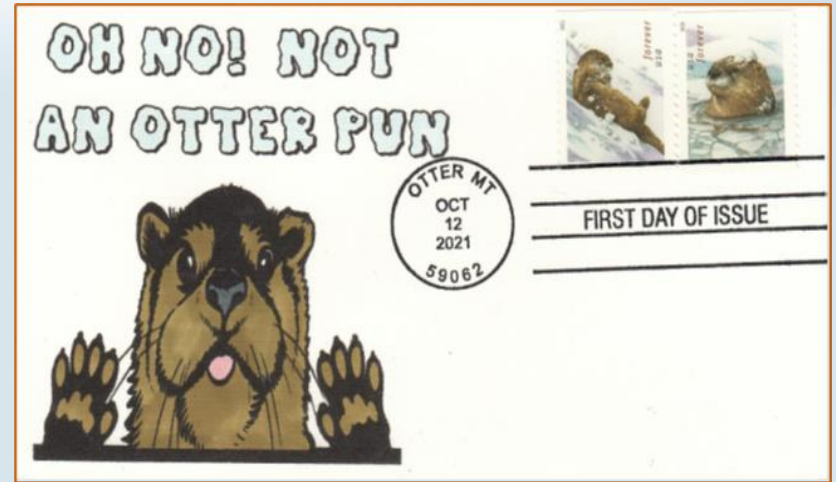
You should have realized I like to add plenty of references about beer in my puns. Homer Simpson, "drink" your heart out!



The duck
said to the
bartender,
'put it on
my bill.'



Later in 2021 the 4 stamp "Otters in the Snow" issue was released for Christmas. I put together 2 combo-covers and 4 singles.



It was fun to work with these stamps.



this tea, good sir,



is otterly
delicious



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Otters in Snow
Otter, MT 59062 · October 12, 2021



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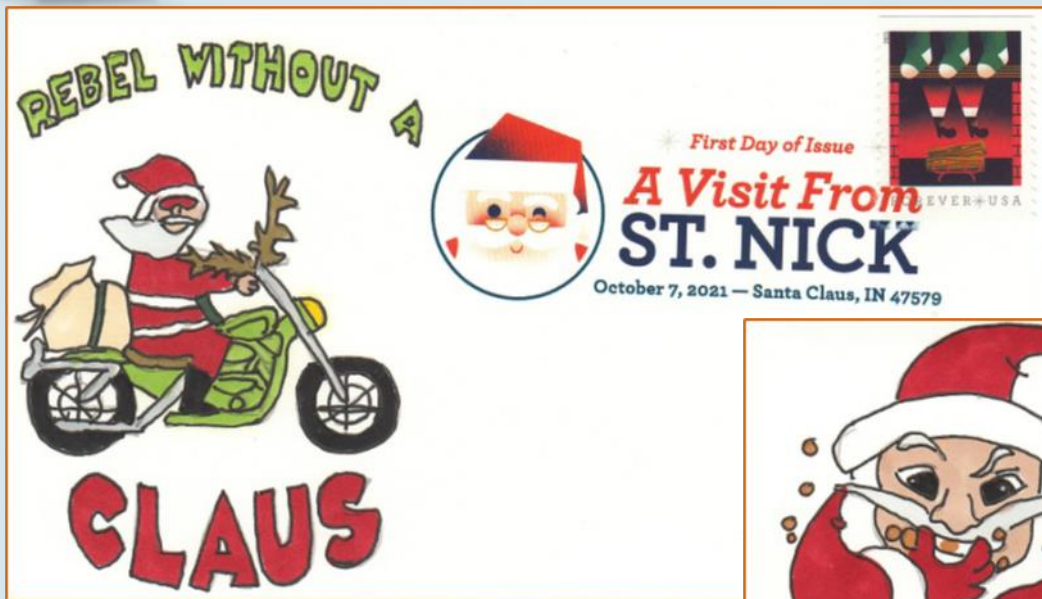
BE KIND
TO OTTERS



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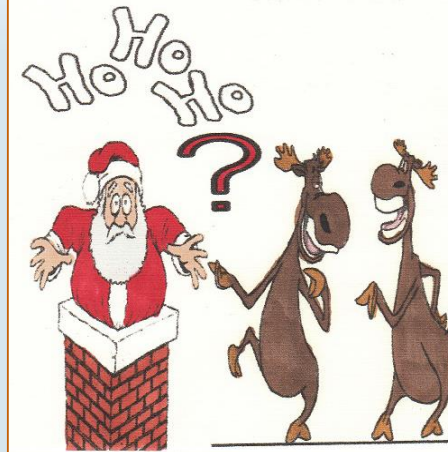
Christmas and Santa Clause— So many possibilities for this 4 stamp set...



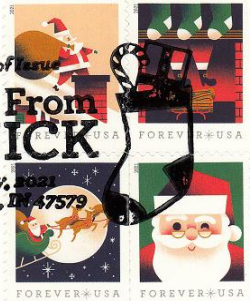
Note Santa stuck in the chimney and the reindeer laughing and shouting Ho Ho Ho.



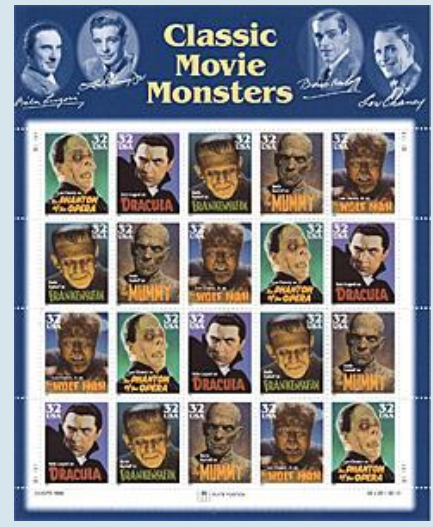
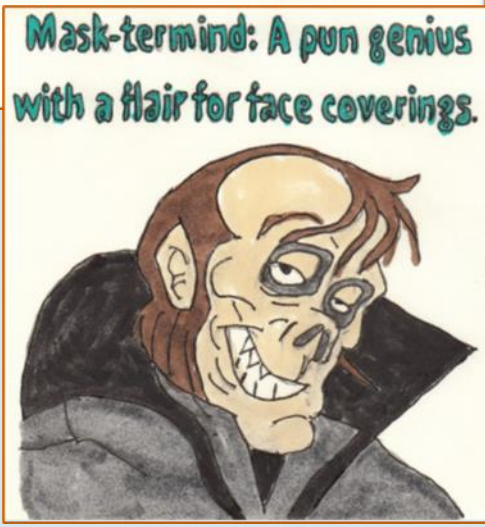
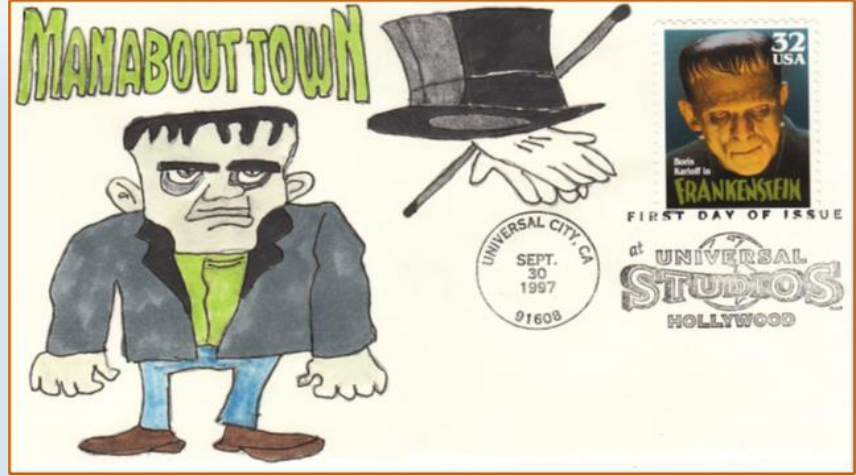
CHRISTMAS PUNS
that will sleigh you



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A Visit From ST. NICK
October 7, 2021
Santa Claus, IN 47579

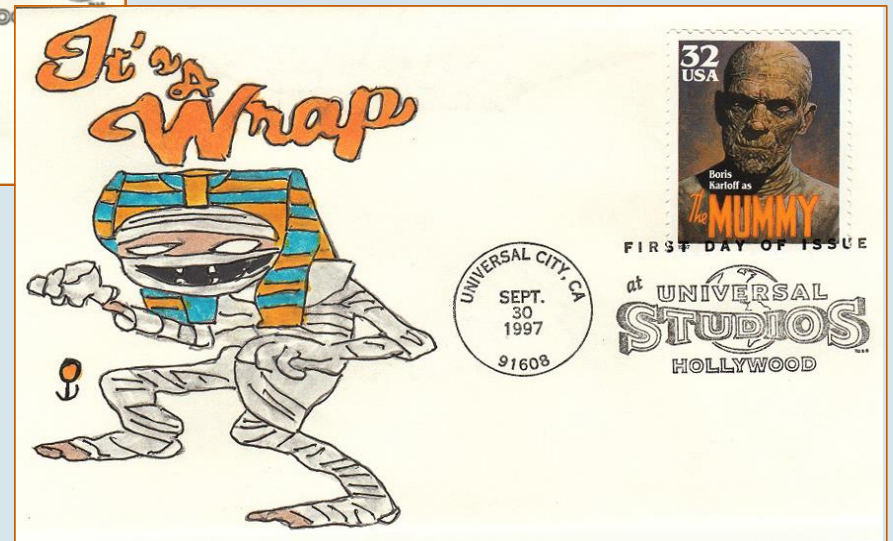
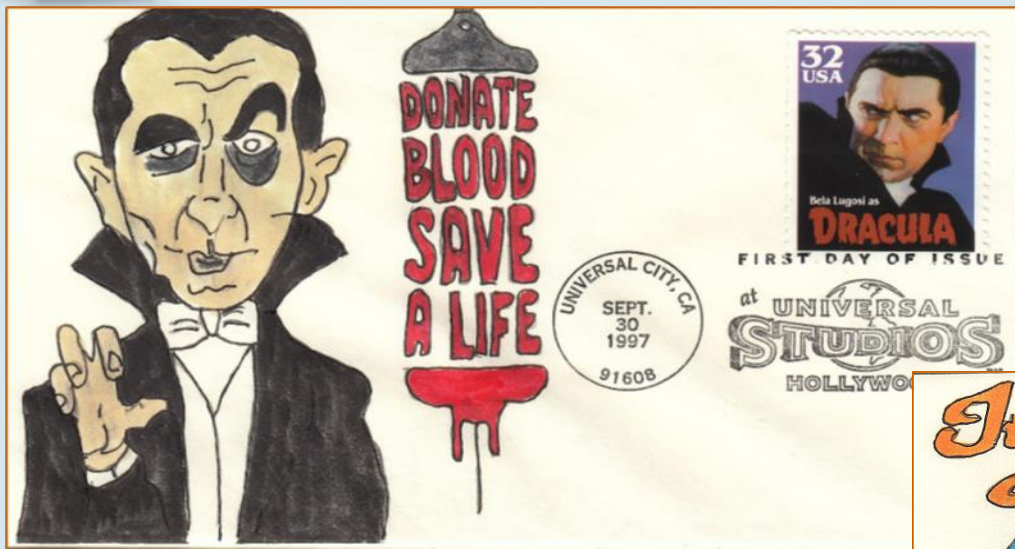


Who doesn't like a monster movie? This 1997 set of 5 was released for Stamp Collecting Month—now a dead USPS 'celebration.'



All five stamps also display secret images when used with the USPS Stamp Decoder referenced earlier—opera masks, bats, lightning bolts, Egyptian deities and howling wolves.

That's a wrap – like a director says when a movie is finished. Did you get that one?





By now you should
be laughing your...



off!

Thanks for Watching!