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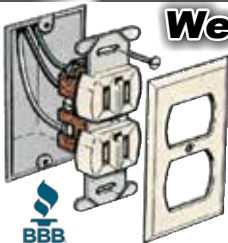
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Startled and frightened, the boy called out—"Who is there?"

Again his words traveled back to him asking the same question he had asked—"Who is there?"

The boy was angry now at whoever was evading answering his question, "Chicken," he called out.

"Chicken," the response came back to him.

The boy looked frightened and asked his grandfather what was happening.

The old man laughed and said to listen. He called out, "You are wonderful!"

The voice answered back, "You are wonderful!"

The grandfather smiled and said, "You're amazing!"

"You're amazing!" came tumbling back out of the mountains.

The boy looked back at his grandfather, still wearing a look of confusion. "I do not understand, grandfather," the boy said.

The old man laughed again, and said, "My child, this is called an echo. But pay attention, because it is really life.

"Life will give back to you everything you say and do. Life is a reflection of our thoughts and actions.

"So if you want other people to do your bidding and think well of you, then you must think good thoughts about others and do good deeds for other people.

"If you want other people to be better at what they do, then you must make yourself better at what you do.

"Remember, life gives you back everything you give to it. Your life will be a reflection of you."



Before you can inspire with emotion, you must be swamped with it yourself. Before you can move their tears, your own must flow. To convince them, you must yourself believe.

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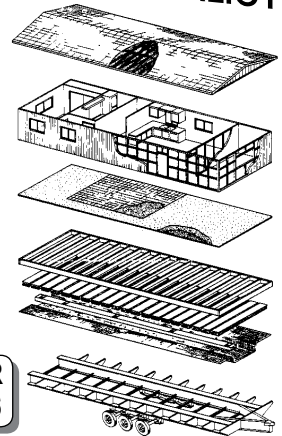
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Ask yourself if your expectations are too low

Do you know what the Pygmalion effect is? It is how our expectations of others often end up becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy. For instance, according to Edith Hamilton's classic, *Mythology*, Pygmalion was a young and gifted sculptor, and he set out to make a beautiful statue of a woman. He worked and worked and had such high expectations of his statue that he began to treat it as if it were a real woman. Eventually, through his own desire and treatment of his creation and with the help of Venus, the statue was actually transformed into a flesh-and-blood woman.



The principle is also illustrated in George Bernard Shaw's play *Pygmalion*. In that story, Eliza Doolittle, a Cockney flower girl, is taken on by a professor who says that he can pass her off as a duchess. He pulls it off, but Eliza has this to say to his friend: "You see, really and truly, apart from the things anyone can pick up (the dressing and the proper way of speaking and so on), the difference between a lady and a flower girl is not how she behaves, but how she's treated. I shall always be a flower girl to Professor Higgins, because he always treats me as a flower girl, and always will, but I know I can be a lady to you because you always treat me like a lady, and always will."

In an experiment conducted in 1968 by psychologist Robert Rosenthal, the same principle was illustrated. All of the children in the experiment were given a nonverbal test of intelligence. This test was disguised, according to Rosenthal, as a test that could predict whether or not a child would bloom intellectually. About 20 percent of the children in the study were chosen randomly. The teachers of these children were told that according to their test scores these children were about to undergo an intellectual growth spurt and make surprising gains over the next eight months. There was no difference in the children from the experimental group and the control group—except what their teachers thought about them. Finally at the end of the school year, the children were retested. Rosenthal says he found that the children who were in the experimental group, where false high expectations had been planted in their teachers' minds, showed significantly greater gain than the control group.

Are you unwittingly expecting too little out of the people in your life? Are you imposing your belief about someone in a way that is holding him or her back?

On pessimism

The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it.

— **Chinese Proverb**

Judgement

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— **Mark Twain**



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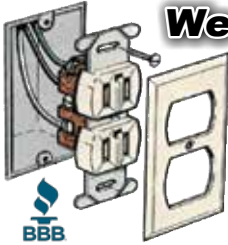
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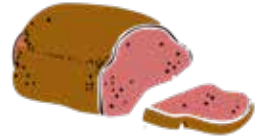
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To reduce your risk of colon cancer, cut back on red and processed meats



According to a study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, if you want to reduce the likelihood that you will develop colon cancer, you should eat less red and processed meats (like sausage, hot dogs and the like). The study indicates that people who frequently eat these meats have 30 percent to 50 percent higher chances of developing colon cancer. While meat itself may contain cancer-causing properties, cooking meats at high temperatures can also make them more carcinogenic. To reduce your risk cut back on red and processed meats and eat only fresh lean cuts when you indulge. High temperature cooking, such as grilling/charbroiling and frying should be avoided.

So just what are trans fats anyway?



When you go shopping these days it's likely that you're going to see lots of items claiming they are low in or have no trans fats. Just what are trans fats? Trans fatty acids are made by heating liquid vegetable oils in the presence of hydrogen, according to the Harvard School of Public Health. The process is more commonly known as hydrogenation. It's easy to figure out how hydrogenated an oil is—the harder the oil will be at room temperature the more hydrogenated it will be. So if you go into the store and you have a choice between stick margarine and a soft and spreadable margarine, you know the spreadable one is less hydrogenated, and therefore contains less trans fats.

As you have probably guessed processed foods often contain more trans fats. Snack foods and pre-pared baked foods and french fries and other fried snacks usually have a lot of trans fats. Trans fats are not good for your cholesterol level because they raise the level of bad LDL (low-density lipoproteins, which carry cholesterol from the liver into the rest of the body, and when there's too much of it, it can be deposited on the walls of the arteries) and lower the level of good HDL (high-density lipoproteins, which carry blood back to the liver and processes cholesterol so that it can be eliminated from the system).

Goals

You must have long-term goals to keep you from being frustrated by short-term failures.

— **Charles C. Noble**

Mistakes

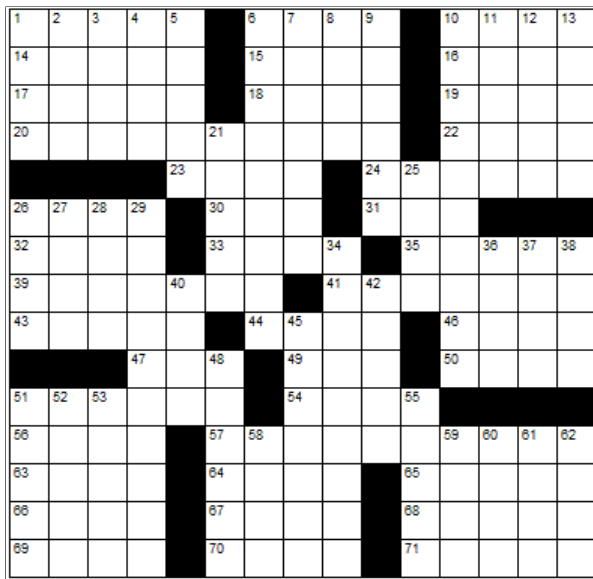
Don't let the mistakes and disappointments of the past control and direct your future.

— **Zig Ziglar**



ACROSS

- 1. S S S
- 6. Resorts
- 10. Baby buggy
- 14. Ready for anything
- 15. Seaweed
- 16. Rattling breath
- 17. Upswell
- 18. Extol
- 19. Scent
- 20. Encouraged
- 22. Twinge
- 23. Formerly (archaic)
- 24. Come forth
- 26. Russian emperor
- 30. Form of "to be"
- 31. Zero
- 32. After-bath wear
- 33. Linguistic unit
- 35. Andean animal
- 39. Marjoram
- 41. Calmed
- 43. Moon of Saturn
- 44. Distribute
- 46. Require
- 47. British rule in India
- 49. Joke
- 50. Sounds of disapproval
- 51. Handgrip
- 54. Death notice
- 56. Absent Without Leave
- 57. Spin-like
- 63. Domestic
- 64. Slaloms
- 65. Love intensely
- 66. Ages
- 67. Celtic language
- 68. Employ again
- 69. Crimsons
- 70. Type of sweet potatoes
- 71. Donkeys



DOWN

- 1. Lack of difficulty
- 2. Urban renewal target
- 3. Belgrade native
- 4. Therefore
- 5. Inscribed pillar
- 6. Showroom
- 7. Flower box
- 8. Chills and fever
- 9. Make unhappy
- 10. Fuel
- 11. Radiolocation
- 12. Beside
- 13. Get together
- 21. Illustrated
- 25. Grinder
- 26. Gait faster than a walk
- 27. Fern clusters
- 28. Assist illegally
- 29. Irrespective
- 34. Data arrays
- 36. Affirmatives
- 37. Docile
- 38. Combines
- 40. Nitpicky to a fault
- 42. In accordance with law
- 45. Conceit
- 48. Sports pullover
- 51. Bigot
- 52. Mindful
- 53. Wanderer
- 55. Coronet
- 58. Gumbo ingredient
- 59. Lyric poems
- 60. French for "We"
- 61. Rear end
- 62. Dregs



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- **Bereavement leave:** This is no excuse for missing work. There is nothing you can do for dead friends, relatives or coworkers. Every effort should be made to have nonemployees attend to the arrangements. In rare cases, where employee involvement is necessary, the funeral should be scheduled in the late afternoon. We will be glad to allow you to work through your lunch hour and subsequently leave one hour early, provided your share of the work is done.
- **Your Own Death:** This will be accepted as an excuse. However, we require at least two week's notice, as it is your duty to train your own replacement.
- **Rest room Use:** Entirely too much time is being spent in the restroom. In the future, we will follow the practice of going in alphabetical order. For instance, all employees whose names begin with A will go from 8 to 8:10, employees whose names begin with B will go from 8:10 to 8:20 and so on. If you're unable to go at your allotted time, it will be necessary to wait until the next day when your turn comes again. In extreme emergencies employees may swap their time with a coworker. Both employees' supervisors must approve this exchange. In addition, there is now a strict three-minute time limit in the stalls. At the end of three minutes, an alarm will sound, the toilet paper roll will retract, and the stall door will open.
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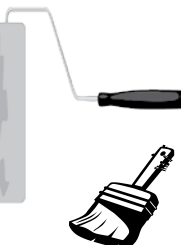
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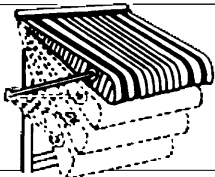
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Merry Xmas

If you think writing Christmas as Xmas is disrespectful, you probably don't know where the practice originated. The Greek word for Christ was Xristos. The X was considered a religious symbol and was used widely in Europe in the 1500s.



The Top 10 New Year's resolutions

According to Kimberly and Albrecht Powell in an About Web site article, these are the Top 10 New Year's resolutions:

1. Spend more time with family and friends.
2. Make time for fitness.
3. Lose weight.
4. Quit smoking.
5. Enjoy life more.
6. Quit drinking.
7. Get out of debt.
8. Learn something new.
9. Help others.
10. Get organized.



Some lucky foods for New Year's Day

It's long been thought that what you do or say in the first moments of a new year would bring luck or reflect what you will find yourself doing for the rest of the year. Certain foods therefore have become imbued with the idea of bringing you luck if eaten on New Year's.



In some parts of the United States, for instance, black-eyed peas are considered lucky if eaten on New Year's Day. Cabbage is another food that is considered lucky when eaten on New Year's Day. The cabbage has long been a symbol for prosperity (its leaves represent bills of paper currency). In many parts of the world it is considered to bring you luck if you consume rice on New Year's Eve.

Santa Claus

I stopped believing in Santa Claus when my mother took me to see him in a department store, and he asked for my autograph.

— *Shirley Temple*

Throw the holiday party for your style and budget

Kraftfoods.com offers these tips for throwing a holiday party that will meet your needs and make your guests happy. You have to think about the kind of party that will make you feel good.



- You'll probably want to go buffet style if you want something that's casual or you don't have a lot of seating. People will walk around and mingle and have fun.
- Go for a sit-down dinner if something a bit more formal suits your style. If you enjoy dinner conversation and you have enough seating for everyone who will be in attendance, then this is a good choice for you.

After you decide what kind of party you're going to have, make a list of everything you will need. Then cross off everything that you already have and estimate the cost for each item you need. Add a few dollars for the inevitable extras that will pop up. If the estimated cost is over your budget for the party, then you can start eliminating things on your list until you get the figure you need.

A few facts about mistletoe

According to AllThingsChristmas.com, mistletoe has been revered since 200 years before the birth of Christ. Druid priests used it as part of their winter celebrations. The plant, which stays green all year even though it has no roots, was thought to be magical.

The Howstuffworks Web site says that Mistletoe is a parasitic plant. It lives in trees, and one mistletoe plant can grow on top of the other.

There are several stories that link mistletoe to the ritual of kissing under it. One is the myth of Frigga, the Viking goddess of love. Frigga's son was killed by his blind brother (who was actually tricked into shooting a dart of poison from the mistletoe into his brother.) Frigga was so stricken with grief that she cried and when her tears fell on a mistletoe plant the berries were turned from red to white (there are both red and white mistletoe berries) and this brought her son back from the dead. From then on Frigga kissed everyone who walked beneath the mistletoe because she was so grateful to have her son back.



Christmas

Christmas at my house is always at least six or seven times more pleasant than anywhere else. We start drinking early. And while everyone else is seeing only one Santa Claus, we'll be seeing six or seven.

— *W.C. Fields*

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Office FAX: (727) 712-3526
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Service Department..... Chris Pecora
Office Hours For Community And New Home Sales Info.....
..... Monday Through Friday - 9 AM To 5 PM
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