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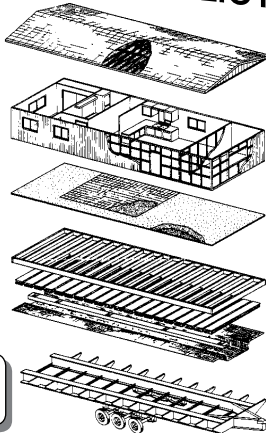
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## Merry Xmas

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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

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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

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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

**K**raftfoods.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

**A**ccording to [AllThingsChristmas.com](http://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](http://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.*

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A young boy and his grandfather were taking a walk through the mountains. The boy was looking at the mountains when he tripped and fell down. As he fell he called out, "I'm afraid."

To the boy's surprise he heard his words come back to him from the mountain, "I'm afraid."

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.*

— **Winston Churchill**

*Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today.*

— **James Dean**





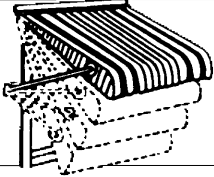
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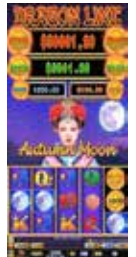
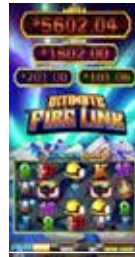
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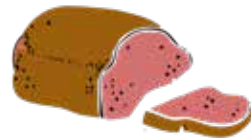
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## To reduce your risk of colon cancer, cut back on red and processed meats



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-prepared 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**

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— Zig Ziglar



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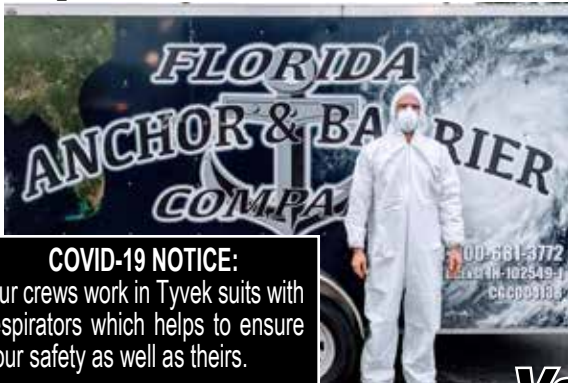
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		1	2 Pool	3
6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9 Pool	10 Christmas parade 5pm with meet and greet
13	14	15	16 Pool	17
20	21	22	23 Pool	24 Christmas Eve
27	28	29	30 Pool	31 New Year's Eve

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## Safety tips for preparing and serving community meals

Preparing and storing food for large groups has different requirements than preparing smaller meals. Here are some tips on how to prepare safe community meals from the USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service:

- Make a good plan. Make sure that the location you pick has enough oven, stovetop, refrigerator and freezer space. Make sure there is also a source of clean water to use.
- Safely store and prepare food. Perishables need to be refrigerated or frozen within two hours of preparation or shopping. Always make sure you use separate areas to prepare raw and cooked foods. Remember to never place cooked food back on a cutting board or surface where something raw has been. Wash your hands, utensils and cutting boards frequently while you are preparing foods. Use hot soapy water.
- Make sure that the internal temperature of the foods you cook reaches a high enough temperature to kill bacteria. Use a food thermometer so that you can check internal temperatures accurately. Make sure you check in several places so that you get a true reading. Don't partially cook your food with the plan to finish cooking it later. This could encourage the growth of harmful bacteria.
- To transport food safely you will need to keep your hot foods hot and your cold foods cold. Use coolers for cold foods and make sure the temperature is 40 degrees or below. Keep your hot foods at a temperature of 140 degrees. Wrap it well and place it inside an insulated container.
- When you reheat your food make sure you bring it up to a temperature that makes it hot and steamy. Just warming it up is not safe. Bring the temperature of the food up to 165 degrees. Soups, sauces and gravies need to be brought to a boil.
- Use steam tables or warming trays to keep your hot foods hot—that means at or above 140 degrees. Keep your cold food at or below 40 degrees.
- If you know that food has been left out at room temperature for more than two hours, the safest thing to do is throw it out. If you have leftovers, you will want to place them in shallow containers and refrigerate or freeze them immediately.



### Quotable

#### *Christmas mess*

*One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly.*

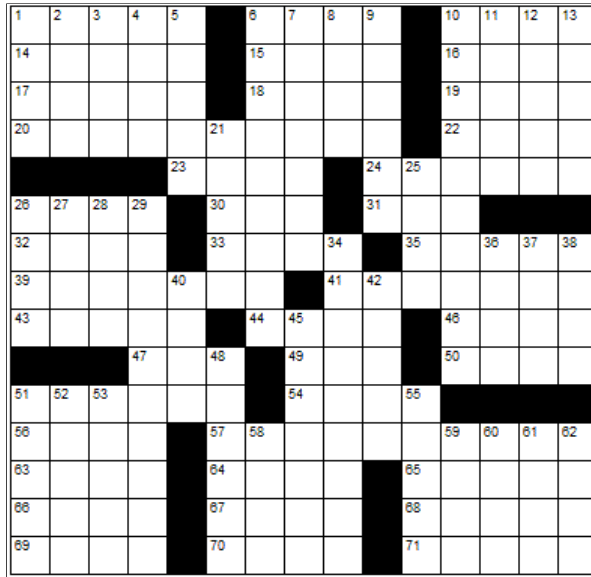
— *Andy Rooney*





**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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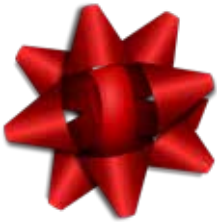
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*I sometimes think we expect too much of Christmas Day. We try to crowd into it the long arrears of kindness and humanity of the whole year. As for me, I like to take my Christmas a little at a time, all through the year. And thus I drift along into the holidays—let them overtake me unexpectedly—waking up some fine morning and suddenly saying to myself: “Why this is Christmas Day!”*  
— **Ray Stannard Baker, pseud. David Grayson**

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— **Dr. Seuss, from How The Grinch Stole Christmas**

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