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SIMPLE ACTS OF KINDNESS WHAT IT MEANS TO OPEN YOUR HEART

This past Thanksgiving, Nicole and I were super excited to participate in the Adopt-a-Marine program with the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. This program gives local families the opportunity to invite service members into their homes to share Thanksgiving dinner. We live right near Camp Pendleton now, and this was our first year as a host family.

Last year, we didn't learn about the program until it was too late, but our family did go out and greet the bus that dropped the service members off. I remember thinking how nervous they looked, like deer in the headlights. A lot of these young people are away from home for the first time, and it can be hard to spend the holidays far from your friends and family. Thanksgiving is really important to Nicole and I. Growing up, both of us loved Thanksgiving and getting to spend time with our families. As we got ready to celebrate our first Thanksgiving in our new house, we couldn't think of a better way to do it than by opening our doors to those who need a little extra comfort.

I always feel awkward when I meet a service member and thank them for their service. It feels so inadequate. Words can never be enough to truly thank someone for what they are sacrificing in the name of our country. It takes a great deal of courage to enlist and put everything on the line to serve our country. My grandfather was a fighter pilot in the Marines and later served as a judge advocate general (JAG) lawyer for many years. So my dad and aunts spent their childhoods moving to different military bases around the country. I grew up going to the Marine base in Orange County and hearing vets tell their stories. I heard tales of crazy heroics told as if they were no big deal, because those were the kinds of things these people did every day. Participating in this program felt like a genuine way to show our thanks and give back to this community.

For Finn and Harlow, this was a really important learning experience. Nicole and I wanted to show our kids the importance of respecting service members and the value of practicing simple acts of kindness. The world can always use more kindness, especially right now. We want Finn and Harlow to see that



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Below: Dropping the boys off to head back to base at 6 p.m.

Above: They finally fell asleep on our sofa an hour before they had to leave. They just finished three months of boot camp and were TIRED! Finn said, "Everyone, be quiet, please! Our Marines are finally sleeping!"

even just cooking a meal for someone on Thanksgiving can bring so much joy into a person's heart.



I felt like the Adopt-a-Marine program was the real-life embodiment of the ideals behind the story of the first Thanksgiving we're all told. Thanksgiving is meant to be more than a time to list off the things we are grateful for. It's a time to put that gratitude into action and share our blessings with others. This was a humbling experience and something we would like to do again in the future. It's a simple thing to open your doors and your heart to a stranger, but it can do so much good in the world.

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3 WAYS TO USE LEFTOVER CANDY DURING THE OH-SO-SWEET HOLIDAY SEASON

Sometimes we get a little too much of the sweet stuff. Between Halloween and New Year's Day, candy is everywhere. It's at home, at work, and on store shelves. Then, as the year comes to an end, many people start thinking about eating right and losing weight. When those are your New Year's resolutions, you have to do something about all the leftover candy so it's not around come Jan. 1.

Here are a few ways to get rid of your leftover candy ASAP.

DONATE IT. While you may have an abundance of sweets, not everyone does. Consider donating wrapped and packaged candy to your local food bank or other nonprofits, including local homeless or women's shelters. You can also look into donating candy to nearby schools. Many teachers will gladly take candy off your hands to reward students (or themselves) with treats throughout the rest of the school year.

BAKE WITH IT. Whether you have an excess of candy corn or candy bars, you can bake with your sweet leftovers. The next time you make chocolate chip cookies, swap out the chocolate chips for candy corn. Or the next time you make brownies, chop up leftover candy bars and add them to the batter. From peanut butter cups to mint patties, there are so many different types of candies that can take traditional baked goods to the next level.

STORE IT. Although not great for you, candy is fine to eat in moderation. A good way to moderate your holiday treat intake is to store your leftover sweets in the freezer. That way, you can pull a little from your supply each month to make sure you aren't overdoing it. That said, be sure to check the expiration dates on all candy you save.

UGLY SWEATER PARTIES

A Fun Trend You Can Easily Follow!

It's speculated that the first ugly sweater party took place in Vancouver, Canada, back in 2001. Since then, the trend has become one of the most popular holiday party themes. Come Thanksgiving, you'll start to see racks in all types of clothing stores lined with hideous sweaters. If you're ready to jump on the ugly-sweater-party bandwagon this Christmas season, here are a few things to keep in mind.

Your Very Own Ugly Sweater Ugly sweaters come in all shapes, sizes, and prices. You can head to H&M or a local thrift store to pick one up. However, if you have a sweater that's been coaxed up for years in the back of your closet or a drawer, now's your chance to give it new life. Arm yourself with a hot glue gun, thread, and needle, and patch Santa, Rudolph, or Frosty on it. And let it be known that an ugly sweater isn't complete without sparkles, beads, and sequins galore.



What Exactly Is an Ugly Sweater Party? It's rather simple — slip on your favorite Christmas sweater, gather all your friends and family members, make sure there are plenty of refreshments and games, and you're guaranteed to have a top-tier party. A few ugly-sweater-themed games that should be on the agenda include an ugly gift exchange, which is similar to the white elephant exchange,

except with the gaudiest gifts you can find; an ugly photo booth, complete with terrible, tacky props; and, of course, an ugly sweater contest.

This is the only time of year when slipping into a lurid red sweater with a stuffed Santa sewn on the front is considered trendy. So adorn yourself in the frumpiest, tackiest sweater you can find, and have some fun this December!





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HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

The Importance of Carrying the Right Amount of Car Insurance

If you're in an accident, you want to believe that your car insurance will take care of everything. That's why you pay for it every month, right? Unfortunately, most people get on the road with policies that are severely lacking, and they only

learn about the gaps in their coverage after suffering a horrible accident.

Here are three areas you don't want to skimp on in your car insurance policy.



1. Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Coverage Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage is often the least understood part of a car insurance policy, but it can be the most important coverage you get for your family. In California, it is illegal to drive without car insurance, but many people do. Likewise, many people let their policies lapse without realizing it or only carry the minimum amount of coverage required. Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage will protect you if you are in an accident caused by someone who does not have sufficient insurance to cover your injuries.

If you look at our "Case Closed" section (below) this month, you'll see cases settled for the other driver's policy limit. This means we cannot go after the insurance company for more money, even if our client suffered greater damages. However, if our clients had had uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage at the time of the accident, we would have been able to tap into that policy to cover the remaining portion of their damages.

2. Liability Coverage This coverage protects you and your family if you cause an accident that hurts someone else. If this happens, you will have

a claim and possibly even a lawsuit against you. Liability coverage will pay for the claim and the costs of your defense attorney.

3. Medical Payments Coverage Commonly referred to as "medpay," medical payments coverage in your car insurance policy is a sort of health insurance policy that helps pay medical bills after an accident. Medpay really comes in handy if you don't have health insurance, you have high deductibles or copays, or you have a health insurance policy that requires subrogation (reimbursement). Even if you have great health insurance already, adding medpay to your policy can make a huge difference. Medpay can help preserve your credit and keep bills from going to collections.

How much is enough when it comes to car insurance? This is a personal decision, but our advice is to buy as much liability and uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage as you can afford. Even one night in the hospital can add up fast.

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September

Auto v. Auto Accident: \$225,000.00

Auto v. Auto Accident: \$50,000.00 *policy limit case*

Auto v. Auto Accident: \$37,000.00 *policy limit case*

Auto v. Auto Accident: \$30,000.00 *policy limit case*

Auto v. Auto Accident: \$30,000.00 *policy limit case*

Auto v. Auto Accident: \$15,000.00 *policy limit case*

October

Domestic Abuse Case: \$350,000.00

Elder Abuse/Neglect at an Assisted Living Facility:

\$350,000.00

Child Injury/Negligent Supervision at School:

\$45,000.00

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Holiday Roast Prime Rib
Inspired by Food Network

Ingredients

- 1 bone-in prime rib (6–7 pounds)
- 8 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 2 cups red wine
- 4 cups beef stock
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme, chopped
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Directions

1. 30 minutes before cooking, remove roast from fridge and let sit until it reaches room temperature.
2. Heat oven to 350 F.
3. Make small slits in prime rib and stuff with slices of garlic. Liberally season with salt and pepper.
4. Place a rack inside a roasting pan and roast prime rib for 2 hours, until medium-rare.
5. To make au jus, place roasting pan with drippings from roast over 2 burners on high. Add wine and scrape pan as liquid reduces. Add beef stock and cook until reduced by half. Finally, sprinkle in thyme.
6. Slice roast and serve topped with au jus.

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CHRISTMAS TOURS

GET AWAY AND BE FESTIVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

There's nothing quite like the magical lights of the holiday season, and some destinations in the U.S. have perfected the craft of holiday decoration. If you're looking to get away this December and still engage in seasonal festivities, add one of these places to your must-visit list.

New York City's Rockefeller Center New York City is an iconic location for Christmastime. The scene is like a Hallmark card: Ice-skating lovers whiz past miles of twinkling lights underneath an exceptionally tall and amply decorated tree. The tree is specially selected by Rockefeller Center's landscaping crews, who scout out trees years in advance. It remains lit from November to early January, so you have plenty of time to check it out.

Ranch Christmas in Jackson, Wyoming Jackson, Wyoming, takes its frontier culture to the next level during the Christmas season. All year, the city proudly displays four elk antler arches, but around the holidays, they are lit up with white string lights and flanked by snow. The Christmas decorations and lights surrounding the archway make for

a Western-themed holiday pulled right out of a John Wayne classic. For holiday admirers looking for a unique spin, Jackson has you covered.

Yearly Yuletide in Santa Claus, Indiana This one's for the Christmas lover. If you can't make it out to Santa Claus, Indiana, this holiday season, you can still celebrate Christmas in this tiny Midwestern town in January, June, or even October. Embracing its unique name, the town boasts a museum, holiday shopping center, and a Christmas theme park. In a moving tribute, the town's residents also write responses to children's letters to Kris Kringle himself. It's impossible to avoid holiday cheer in this town.

Disney World's Christmas Magic What better place to celebrate the most magical time of the year than in the most magical place on Earth? Walt Disney World's halls are decked to the max with a parade, gingerbread homes, strings of lights, and festive parties. Plus, costs to visit Disney World can be cheaper during the Christmas season, so keep an eye out for a vacation steal.