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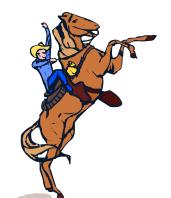
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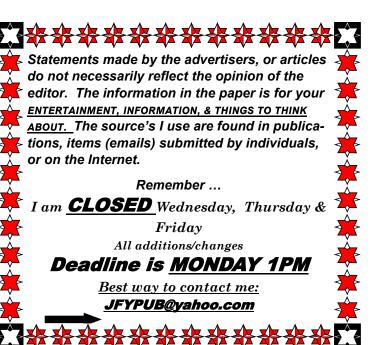
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The tradition of the New Year's Resolutions goes all the way back to 153 B.C. Janus, a mythical king of early Rome was placed at

the head of the calendar. With two faces, Janus could look back on past events and forward to the future. Janus became the ancient symbol for resolutions and many Romans looked for forgiveness from their enemies and also exchanged gifts before the beginning of each year.

The New Year has not always begun on January 1, and it doesn't begin on that date everywhere today. It begins on that date only for cultures that use a 365-day solar calendar. January 1 became the beginning of the New Year in 46 B.C., when Julius Caesar developed a calendar that would more accurately reflect the seasons than previous calendars had.

The Romans named the first month of the year after Janus, the god of beginnings and the guardian of doors and entrances. He was always depicted with two faces, one on the front of his head and one on the back. Thus he could look backward and forward at the same time. At midnight on December 31, the Romans imagined Janus looking back at the old year and forward to the new.

The Romans began a tradition of exchanging gifts on New Year's Eve by giving one another branches from sacred trees for good fortune. Later, nuts or coins imprinted with the god Janus became more common New Year's gifts.

In the Middle Ages, Christians changed New Year's Day to December 25, the birth of Jesus. Then they changed it to March 25, a holiday called the Annunciation. In the sixteenth century, Pope Gregory XIII revised the Julian calendar, and the celebration of the New Year was returned to January 1.

The Julian and Gregorian calendars are solar calendars. Some cultures have lunar calendars, however. A year in a lunar calendar is less than 365 days because the months are based on the phases of the moon. The Chinese use a lunar calendar. Their new year begins at the time of the first full moon (over the Far East) after the sun enters Aquarius- sometime between January 19 and February 21.

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Although the date for New Year's Day is not the same in every culture, it is always a time for celebration and for customs to ensure good luck in the coming year.

Ancient New Years

The celebration of the New Year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, Babylonians celebrated the beginning of a new year on what is now March 23, although they themselves had no written calendar.

Late March actually is a logical choice for the beginning of a new year. It is the time of year that spring begins and new crops are planted. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary.

The Babylonian New Year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in comparison.

The Romans continued to observe the New Year on March 25. but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun.

In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the New Year. But tampering continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian Calendar. It again established January 1 as the New Year. But in order to synchronize the calendar with the sun, Caesar had to let the previous year drag on for 445 days.

Global Good Luck Traditions

With New Year's upon us. here's a look at some of the good luck rituals from around the world. They are believed to bring good fortune and prosperity in the coming year.

AUSTRIA - The suckling pig is the symbol for good luck for the new year. It's served on a table decorated with tiny edible pigs. Dessert often consists of green peppermint ice cream in the shape of a four-leaf clover.

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ENGLAND - The British place their fortunes for the coming year in the hands of their first guest. They believe the first visitor of each year should be male and bearing gifts. Traditional gifts are coal for the fire, a loaf for the table and a drink for the master. For good luck, the guest should enter through the front door and leave through the back. Guests who are empty-handed or unwanted are not allowed to enter first.

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<u>WALES</u> - At the first toll of midnight, the back door is opened and then shut to release the old year and lock out all of its bad luck. Then at the twelfth stroke of the clock, the front door is opened and the New Year is welcomed with all of its luck.

<u>HAITI</u> - In Haiti, New Year's Day is a sign of the year to come. Haitians wear new clothing and exchange gifts in the hope that it will bode well for the new year.

SICILY - An old Sicilian tradition says good

luck will come to those who eat lasagna on New Year's Day, but woe if you dine on macaroni, for any other noodle will bring bad luck.

<u>SPAIN</u> - In Spain, when the clock strikes midnight, the Spanish eat 12 grapes, one with every toll, to bring good luck for the 12 months ahead.

<u>PERU</u> - The Peruvian New Year's custom is a spin on the Spanish tradition of eating 12 grapes at the turn of the year. But in Peru, a 13th grape must be eaten to assure good luck.

GREECE - A special New Year's bread is baked with a coin buried in the dough. The first slice is for the Christ child, the second for the father of the household and the third slice is for the house. If the third slice holds the coin, spring will come early that year.

JAPAN - The Japanese decorate their homes in tribute to lucky gods. One tradition, kadomatsu, consists of a pine branch symbolizing longevity, a bamboo stalk symbolizing prosperity, and a plum blossom showing nobility.

CHINA - For the Chinese New Year, every front door is adorned with a fresh coat of red paint, red being a symbol of good luck and happiness. Although the whole family prepares a feast for the New Year, all knives are put away for 24 hours to keep anyone from cutting themselves, which is thought to cut the family's good luck for the next year.

UNITED STATES - The kiss shared at the stroke of midnight in the United States is derived from masked balls that have been common throughout history. As tradition has it, the masks symbolize evil spirits from the old year and the kiss is the purification into the new year.

NORWAY - Norwegians make rice pudding at New Year's and hide one whole almond within. Guaranteed wealth goes to the person whose serving holds the lucky almond.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Except for a very few number of people who

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can keep track of when the Chinese New Year should be, the majority of the Chinese today have to rely on a typical Chinese calendar to tell it. Therefore, you cannot talk of the Chinese New Year without mentioning the Chinese calendar at first.

A Chinese calendar consists of both the Gregorian and lunar-solar systems, with the latter dividing a year into twelve month, each of which is in turn equally divided into thirtynine and a half days. The well-coordinated dual system calendar reflects the Chinese ingenuity.

There is also a system that marks the years in a twelve-year cycle, naming each of them after an animal such as Rat, Ox, Tiger, Hare, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Boar. People born in a particular year are believed to share some of the personalities of that particular animal.

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A HISTORY OF THE NEW YEAR A move from March to January by Borgna Brunner

The celebration of the new year on January 1st is a relatively new phenomenon. The earliest recording of a new year celebration is believed to have been in Mesopotamia, c. 2000 B.C. and was celebrated around the time of the vernal equinox, in mid-March. A variety of other dates tied to the seasons were also used by various ancient cultures. The Egyptians, Phoenicians, and Persians began their new year with the fall equinox, and the Greeks celebrated it on the winter solstice.

Early Roman Calendar: March 1st Rings in the New Year

The early Roman calendar designated March 1 as the new year. The calendar had just ten

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January Joins the Calendar

The first time the new year was celebrated on January 1st was in Rome in 153 B.C. (In fact, the month of January did not even exist until around 700 B.C., when the second king of Rome, Numa Pontilius, added the months of January and February.) The new year was moved from March to January because that was the beginning of the civil year, the month that the two newly elected Roman consuls—the highest officials in the Roman republic—began their one-year tenure. But this new year date was not always strictly and widely observed, and the new year was still sometimes celebrated on March 1.

Julian Calendar: January 1st Officially Instituted as the New Year

In 46 B.C. Julius Caesar introduced a new, solar-based calendar that was a vast improvement on the ancient Roman calendar, which was a lunar system that had become wildly inaccurate over the years. The Julian calendar decreed that the new year would occur with January 1, and within the Roman world, January 1 became the consistently observed start of the new year.

Middle Ages: January 1st Abolished In medieval Europe, however, the celebrations accompanying the new year were considered pagan and unchristian like, and in 567 the Council of Tours abolished January 1 as the beginning of the year. At various times and in various places throughout medieval Christian Europe, the new year was celebrated on Dec. 25, the birth of Jesus; March 1; March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation; and Easter.

Gregorian Calendar: January 1st Restored In 1582, the Gregorian calendar reform restored January 1 as new year's day. Although most Catholic countries adopted the Gregorian calendar almost immediately, it was only gradually adopted among
Protestant countries. The British, for example, did not adopt the reformed calendar until
1752. Until then, the British Empire—and their American colonies—still celebrated the new year in March.

The Rite of Spring Vernal equinox occurs on March 20, 2006 by Ann-Marie Imbornoni and Elissa Haney

March 20, is a date that most of us recognize as symbolic of changing seasons. As we welcome spring, people south of the equator are actually gearing up for the cooler temperatures of autumn.

What Happens at the Equinox?
Far from being an arbitrary indicator of the changing seasons, March 20 (March 21 in some years) is significant for astronomical reasons. On March 20, 2006, at precisely 1:26 P.M. EST (18:26 Universal Time), the Sun will cross directly over the Earth's equator. This moment is known as the vernal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere. For the Southern Hemisphere, this is the moment of the autumnal equinox.

Equinox Means "Equal Night"
Translated literally, equinox means "equal night." Because the sun is positioned above the equator, day and night are about equal in length all over the world during the equinoxes. A second equinox occurs each year on September 22 or 23; in 2006, it will be on September 22 at 11:03 P.M. EDT (Sept. 23, 03:03 UT*). This date will mark the autumnal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere and the vernal equinox in the Southern (vernal denotes "spring").

Reasons for the Seasons

These brief but monumental moments owe their significance to the 23.4 degree tilt of the Earth's axis. Because of the tilt, we receive the Sun's rays most directly in the summer. In the winter, when we are tilted away from the Sun, the rays pass through the atmosphere at a greater slant, bringing lower temperatures. If the Earth rotated on an axis perpendicular to the plane of the Earth's orbit around the Sun, there would be no variation in day lengths or temperatures throughout the year, and we would not have seasons.

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Rituals and Traditions

Modern astronomy aside, people have recognized the vernal equinox for thousands of years. There is no shortage of rituals and traditions surrounding the coming of spring. Many early peoples celebrated for the basic reason that their food supplies would soon be restored. The date is significant in Christianity because Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. It is also probably no coincidence that early Egyptians built the Great Sphinx so that it points directly toward the rising Sun on the day of the vernal equinox.

The first day of spring also marks the beginning of Nowruz, the Persian New Year. The celebration lasts 13 days and is rooted in the 3.000-year-old tradition of Zorastrianism.

Winter Solstice

Thu., Dec. 21, 2006, marked the solstice—the beginning of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and summer in the Southern Hemisphere

The precise moment of the 2006 solstice was December 21, 2006 at 7:22 P.M. EST (Dec. 22,

00:22 UT).

In astronomy, the solstice is either of the two times a year when the Sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator, the great circle on the celestial sphere that is on the same plane as the earth's equator. In the Northern Hemisphere, the winter solstice occurs either December 21 or 22, when the sun shines directly over the tropic of Capricorn; the summer solstice occurs either June 21 or 22, when the sun shines directly over the tropic of Cancer. In the Southern Hemisphere, the winter and summer solstices are reversed.

Reason for the Seasons

The reason for the different seasons at opposite times of the year in the two hemispheres is that while the earth rotates about the sun, it also spins on its axis, which is tilted some 23.5 degrees towards the plane of its rotation. Because of this tilt, the Northern Hemisphere receives less direct sunlight (creating winter) while the Southern Hemisphere receives more direct sunlight (creating summer). As the Earth continues its orbit the hemisphere that is

angled closest to the sun changes and the seasons are reversed.

Longest Night of the Year

The winter solstice marks the shortest day and the longest night of the year. The sun appears at its lowest point in the sky, and its noontime elevation appears to be the same for several days before and after the solstice. Hence the origin of the word solstice, which comes from Latin solstitium, from sol, "sun" and -stitium, "a stoppage." Following the winter solstice, the days begin to grow longer and the nights shorter.

Development of the Modern Calendar
The Early Roman Calendar
In its most primitive form the Roman calendar apparently had 10 months, which were
(to use corresponding English terms whenever possible): March (31 days), April (29 days),
May (31 days), June (29 days), Quintilis (31 days), Sextilis (29 days), September (29 days), October (31 days), November (29 days), and December (29 days). To fill out the 365 days a number of blank days or occasional intercalary months were used. Later, January (29 days) and February (28 days) were added at the end of the year.

In the time of the early republic the so-called year of Numa was added. The Romans thus arrived at a cycle of four years: the first year and the third year had four months of 31 days, seven of 29, and one, February, of 28; the second year had a February of 23 days and an intercalary month of 27 days; the fourth year had a February of 24 days and an intercalary month. The chief trouble with this system was that in a four-year cycle there were four days too many. What was worse. the pontifex maximus was given the power soon after 200 B.C. to regulate the calendar, and the practice grew of using the intercalations for the promotion of political ends to lengthen or to shorten an official's term.

The Julian Calendar

When Julius Caesar became pontifex maximus, the Roman calendar had been so much abused that January was falling in autumn. At this point the methods of the Egyptian calendar were borrowed for the Roman. Julius Caesar, on the advice of the astronomer Sosigenes, added 90 days to the year 46 B.C.

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(67 days between November and December, 23 at the end of February). This caused the spring of 45 B.C. to begin in March. To retain this position of the seasons, he changed the length of most of the months: March, May, Quintilis (later named July after Julius Caesar), and October he left as they were; he added 2 days each to January and Sextilis (later named August to honor the Emperor Augustus); February was 28 days long except that in every fourth year a day was inserted between the 23d and the 24th of the month.

In Roman computation three days in the month were used for counting the date. These three were the Kalends (1st day of the month), the Nones (the 7th day in March, May, July, and October, the 5th in the other months), and the Ides (the 15th day in March, May, July, and October, the 13th in the other months). The days were counted before, not after, the Kalends, Nones, and Ides. Thus, Jan. 10 was the fourth day before the Ides of January or the fourth day of the Ides of January, because the Romans counted inclusively. Jan. 25 was the eighth of the Kalends of February, Feb. 3 was the third of the Nones of February. Feb. 23 was the seventh of the Kalends of March and remained so when an intercalary day was inserted every fourth year between it and Feb. 24; hence in a leap year there were two days counted as the sixth of the Kalends of March. The leap year was therefore called bissextile [Lat.,=sixth twice]. There is a legend that alterations in the length of the months were made later by Augustus to flatter his own vanity, but there

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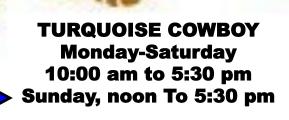
The Gregorian Calendar

The Julian year is 365 days 6 hr, hence a little too long. Therefore, by the 16th cent. the accumulation of surplus time had displaced the vernal equinox to Mar. 11 from Mar. 21, the date set in the 4th cent. In 1582 Pope Gregory XIII rectified this error. He suppressed 10 days in the year 1582 and ordained that thereafter the years ending in hundreds should not be leap years unless they were divisible by 400. The year 1600 was a leap year under both systems, but 1700, 1800, and 1900 were leap years only in the unreformed calendar. The reform was accepted, immediately in most Roman Catholic countries, more gradually in Protestant countries, and in the Eastern Church the Julian calendar was retained into the 20th cent. The present generally accepted calendar is therefore called Gregorian, though it is only a slight modification of the Julian.

The reform was not accepted in England and the British colonies in America until 1752. By that date the English calendar was 11 days different from that of continental Europe. For the intervening period before the reform was introduced into the English calendar, the Gregorian style is called the New Style (N.S.), and the Julian the Old Style (O.S.). New Style years begin Jan. 1, but Old Style years began usually Mar. 25. Thus Washington's birthday, which is Feb. 22, 1732 (N.S.), was Feb. 11, 1731 (O.S.). To avoid confusion sometimes both styles are given; thus 11 Feb. 1731/22 Feb. 1732.

The Names of the Months

- ♦ January: named after Janus, the god of doors and gates
- ♦ February: named after Februalia, a time period when sacrifices were made to atone for sins
- ♦ March: named after Mars, the god of war
- ♦ April: from aperire, Latin for "to open" (buds)
- May: named after Maia, the goddess of growth of plants
- ♦ June: from junius, Latin for the goddess



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Juno

- Julv: named after Julius Caesar in 44 B.C.
- August: named after Augustus Caesar in 8 B.C.
- ♦ September: from septem, Latin for
- October: from octo, Latin for "eight"
- November: from novem, Latin for "nine"
- December: from decem, Latin for "ten"

NOTE: The earliest Latin calendar was a 10month one, beginning with March; thus, September was the seventh month, October, the eighth, etc. July was originally called Quintilis, meaning fifth; August was originally called Sextilis, meaning sixth.

Auld Lang Syne Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne? For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne, we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne? And here's a hand, my trusty friend And gie's a hand o' thine We'll tak' a cup o' kindness vet For auld lang syne

The most commonly sung song for Englishspeakers on New Year's eve, "Auld Lang Syne" is an old Scottish song that was first published by the poet Robert Burns in the 1796 edition of the book, Scots Musical Museum. Burns transcribed it (and made some refinements to the lyrics) after he heard it sung by an old man from the Ayrshire area of Scotland, Burns's homeland.

It is often remarked that "Auld Lang Syne" is one of the most popular songs that nobody knows the lyrics to. "Auld Lang Syne" literally translates as "old long since" and means "times gone by." The song asks whether old friends and times will be forgotten and promises to remember people of the past with fondness, "For auld lang syne, we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet."

The lesser known verses continue this theme, lamenting how friends who once used to "run about the braes,/ And pou'd the gowans fine" (run about the hills and pulled up the daisies) and "paidl'd in the burn/Frae morning sun till dine" (paddled in the stream from morning to dusk) have become divided by time and distance—"seas between us braid hae roar'd" (broad seas have roared between us). Yet there is always time for old friends to get together—if not in person then in memory—and "tak a right guid-willie waught" (a good-will drink).

But it was bandleader Guy Lombardo, and not Robert Burns, who popularized the song and turned it into a New Year's tradition. Lombardo first heard "Auld Lang Syne" in his hometown of London, Ontario, where it was sung by Scottish immigrants. When he and his brothers formed the famous dance band, **Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians, the** song became one of their standards. Lombardo played the song at midnight at a New Year's eve party at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City in 1929, and a tradition was born. After that, Lombardo's version of the song was played every New Year's eve from the 1930s until 1976 at the Waldorf Astoria. In the first years it was broadcast on radio. and then on television. The song became such a New Year's tradition that "Life magazine wrote that if Lombardo failed to play 'Auld Lang Syne,' the American public would not believe that the new year had really arrived."

Hogmanay (Scotland)

The birthplace of "Auld Lang Syne" is also the home of Hogmanay (hog-mah-NAY), the rousing Scottish New Year's celebration (the origins of the name are obscure). One of the traditions is "first-footing." Shortly after midnight on New Year's eve, neighbors pay visits to each other and impart New Year's wishes. Traditionally, First foots used to bring along a gift of coal for the fire, or shortbread. It is considered especially lucky if a tall, dark, and handsome man is the first to enter your house after the new year is rung in. The Edinburgh Hogmanay celebration is the largest in the country, and consists of an all-night street party (visit their Hagmanay website here).

Oshogatsu (Japan)

The new year is the most important holiday in Japan, and is a symbol of renewal. In December, various Bonenkai or "forget-the-year parties" are held to bid farewell to the problems and concerns of the past year and prepare for a new beginning. Misunderstandings and grudges are forgiven and houses are scrubbed. At midnight on Dec. 31, Buddhist

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temples strike their gongs 108 times, in a effort to expel 108 types of human weakness. New Year's day itself is a day of joy and no work is to be done. Children receive otoshidamas, small gifts with money inside. Sending New Year's cards is a popular tradition—if postmarked by a certain date, the Japanese post office guarantees delivery of all New Year's cards on Jan. 1.

Spain

The Spanish ritual on New Year's eve is to eat twelve grapes at midnight. The tradition is meant to secure twelve happy months in the coming year.

The Netherlands

The Dutch burn bonfires of Christmas trees on the street and launch fireworks. The fires are meant to purge the old and welcome the new.

Greece

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In Greece, New Year's day is also the Festival of St. Basil. one of the founders of the **Greek Orthodox Church. One of the tradition**al foods served is Vassilopitta, or St Basil's

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cake. A silver or gold coin is baked inside the cake. Whoever finds the coin in their piece of cake will be especially lucky during the coming year.

United States

Probably the most famous tradition in the United States is the dropping of the New Year ball in Times Square, New York City, at 11:59 P.M. Thousands gather to watch the ball make its one-minute descent, arriving exactly at midnight. The tradition first began in 1907. The original ball was made of iron and wood; the current ball is made of Waterford Crystal, weighs 1,070 pounds, and is six feet in diameter.

A traditional southern New Year's dish is Hoppin' John—black eyed peas and ham hocks. An old saying goes, "Eat peas on New Year's day to have plenty of everything the rest of the year."

Another American tradition is the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. The Tournament of Roses parade that precedes the football

game on New Year's day is made up of elaborate and inventive floats. The first parade was held in 1886.

Widely Observed New Year Symbols and Traditions

Resolutions: It is believed that the Babylonians were the first to make New Year's resolutions, and people all over the world have been breaking them ever since. The early Christians believed the first day of the new year should be spent reflecting on past mistakes and resolving to improve oneself in the new year.

Fireworks: Noisemaking and fireworks on New Year's eve is believed to have originated in ancient times, when noise and fire were thought to dispel evil spirits and bring good luck. The Chinese are credited with inventing fireworks and use them to spectacular effect in their New Year's celebrations.

Cowboy's Dream by Toby Roger Foster

A cowboy's dream can be a lot of things, full tanks, fat claves, and a good horse.
But, most of the time, it's buck bales, pump water, and heal the sores.

It's a dream of good fences, corrals, and gentle cattle.

Then he opens his eyes to broken posts, rusty wire and a cow bustin his saddle.

The Dream is for good living, a good dog, and a good wife.

The first takes a lot of work, the second patience, and the third the rest of his life.

His dream woman has to be able to ride, rope, cook and clean.

He knows better that to work her too hard, after 14 hours, she's awful mean.

He dreams of a son to carry on the family name and tradition.

He want him as a partner, pal and wet back in addition.

Whether he's dreamin' in his recliner or pullin' on his fence gloves, it's a way of life, and a way to live, that he



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WHATS COOKIN'? Chocolate Chip-Walnut Cookies



Gooey, chocolaty—and light, at about 100 calories per cookie.

Makes 20 cookies

INGREDIENTS

- •1/2cupwhole-wheat flour
- •1/4 cup rolled oats
- •1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- •1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
- •6 tablespoons un salted butter, softened
- •6 tablespoons brown sugar
- •2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- •1 egg
- •1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- •1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- •1/4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
- •1/4 cup dried cherries

PREPARATION

Heat oven to 375°. In a bowl, combine flour, oats, baking soda and cinnamon.

In another bowl, cream butter and sugars until fluffy, 3 to 5 minutes.

Add egg and vanilla; beat until smooth.

Blend flour mixture into butter mixture. Stir in chocolate chips, walnuts and cherries.

Drop 20 dough balls (1 tbsp each) onto 2 ungreased cookie sheets, 2 inches apart.

Bake until golden brown, 9 minutes. Remove from oven; let cool on sheets 3 minutes, then transfer to foil to cool fully.

The Skinny: 100 calories per cookie, 6 g fat (3 g saturated), 11 g carbs, 1 g fiber, 1 g protein



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Chocolate Rice Crispies



Adding bitter cocoa to the mix balances the sweetness. Just 54 calories per cookie.

Makes about 80 balls

INGREDIENTS

- •5 tablespoons unsalted butter
- •3 tablespoons light butter
- •1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- •2 bags (10 oz each) mini-marshmallows
- •10 cups crisp rice cereal
- •1/2 cup semisweet mini chocolate chips
- Vegetable oil cooking spray

Combine butters and cocoa in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Melt butter, whisking until mixture is well combined.

Stir in marshmallows, melting them completely.

Remove pan from heat and stir in cereal, working quickly before marshmallow mixture sets.

Stir in chocolate chips.

Coat hands with cooking spray and shape

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mixture into about 80 walnut-sized balls.

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Place balls on a baking sheet and let harden for about an hour. Store in an airtight container in a cool, dry place for up to 3 days. (Do not refrigerate.)

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<u>Cranberry-Pistachio Biscotti</u> At 69 calories, these tasty treats are worth sharing.



Makes 35 biscotti

INGREDIENTS

- 2cupsall-purpose flour
- •2/3cupsugar
- 1teaspoonbaking soda
- •1/2teaspoonbaking powder
- •1/2teaspoonsalt
- 2egg whites
- 1whole egg
- 3tablespoonslight butter
- •1/2cupdried cranberries
- •1/2cupslivered almonds
- •1/3cupshelled pistachios
- Grated zest of 1 lemon
- 1tablespoonanise seeds
- Vegetable oil cooking spray

PREPARATION

Heat oven to 350°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Combine flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer. Whisk with a fork to mix.

Add egg whites, egg and butter; mix on medium until a loose dough forms, about 1 minute.

Stir in cranberries, nuts, zest and anise seeds; mix until incorporated, about 15 seconds.

Transfer dough to baking sheet. Coat hands with cooking spray; form dough into a long, flat log, about 14 inches long by 4 inches wide.

Bake until outside of log is firm and browned, about 25 minutes. Remove from oven; cool 10 minutes.

Cut loaf into 1/4-inch-thick slices; arrange on 2 baking sheets, return to oven and bake until lightly toasted, about 12 minutes. Cool.

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Flourless Chocolate-Walnut Cookies



You'll get a delicious dose of heart-healthy fat and antioxidants, courtesy of the nuts and cocoa (and just 55 calories each!).

Makes 60 cookies

INGREDIENTS

- Parchment paper
- •2 1/2cups walnut halves
- •3 cups confectioners' sugar
- •1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- •1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 egg whites
- •1 tablespoon vanilla extract

PREPARATION

Position 2 racks in the upper and lower thirds of the oven. Heat oven to 350°. Line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper.

Place walnuts on a work surface and finely chop.

Transfer to a separate large baking sheet and toast until fragrant, about 9 minutes. Let cool.

Mix sugar, cocoa and salt in a bowl. Stir in walnuts. Add egg whites and vanilla; beat with a fork or an electric mixer on medium until batter is just moistened. (Do not overbeat batter or it will stiffen.)

Drop batter by the teaspoonful onto baking sheets in evenly spaced mounds. Bake cookies until tops are lightly cracked and glossy, about 15 minutes. Repeat with remaining batter. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 1 week.

The Skinny: 55 calories per cookie, 3.3 g fat (0.4 g saturated), 6.2 g carbs, 0.6 g fiber, 1.2 g protein

Minty Mini-Doughnut Cookies



Shhh, don't tell and they'll never know: These "doughnuts" are just 28 calories each. Makes 64 doughnuts

INGREDIENTS

- Sugar Cookie dough
- Vegetable oil cooking spray
- •2tablespoonsconfectioners' sugar
- •2tablespoonsskim milk
- Olive oil

PREPARATION

Heat oven to 350°. Coat 2 cookie sheets with cooking spray.

Cut dough into 4 equal pieces; cut each into 16 equal pieces.

Roll each piece between fingers to form a 1 1/2- to 2-inch-long log. Pinch together ends of each log to form rings and place doughnuts 1 inch apart on cookie sheets;

bake 1 batch at a time until dough puffs, 5 to 6 minutes.

Whisk sugar and milk in a bowl until smooth.

Dip top of each warm cookie into sugar-milk glaze; press into crushed candy. Let set on wire racks.

The Skinny: 28 calories per cookie, 1 g fat (0 g saturated), 5 g carbs, 0 g fiber, 0 g protein

Raspberry Linzer Torte Bars

Use your favorite raspberry preserves and give these treats (just 39 calories per cookie) to friends!



Makes 48 bars

INGREDIENTS

- Sugar Cookie dough
- Vegetable oil cooking spray
- •6tablespoonsraspberry preserves
- 2tablespoonssliced almonds

PREPARATION

Heat oven to 350°. Coat a 9" x 13" pan with cooking spray.

Cut dough in half; roll out 1 half into a 9-by-13-inch rectangle; press into bottom of pan.

Spread preserves over dough; sprinkle with almonds.

Roll out remaining dough into a 4 1/2-by-6 1/2 -inch rectangle.

Cut dough into 1/2-inch strips with a fluted pastry cutter.

Crisscross strips over raspberry-almond layer in a lattice pattern.

Bake until strips are light brown and firm, 18 to 20 minutes; cool 5 minutes.

Cut into 1- to 1 1/2-inch bars.

The Skinny: 39 calories per cookie, 1 g fat (1 g saturated), 6 g carbs, 0 g fiber, 1 g protein



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<u>PENDING-297 S Wade Schandley</u>: This 2008 custom Fleetwood home features 1620 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, custom kitchen cabinets, island breakfast bar, walk-in pantry, split floor plan with walk-in closets in each bedroom. Detached oversized garage (needs work) w/bathroom. Private well & storage tank. Views of Four Peaks and surrounding mountains. Property borders open ranch land, horses OK. **\$210,000 MLS#85089**



140 Hohokam Lane: This well kept 2007 Fleetwood 26x48 Manufactured Home features 3 bedroom and 2 bathrooms, Large garage, RV hookup and plenty of room on the .58 acres to park all of your toys. Beautiful fruit trees (2 peach, pomegranate, fig,, plum, and apricot) The 360 degree views show all the surrounding mountains. Only 7 miles from Roosevelt Lake there is plenty to do all year around. \$300,000 MLS#85699



650 Tonto Creek Trail: Perfect fisherman's hideaway. Cool coated roof done in 2018 for double insulation and heating/cooling. Evaporative cooling only but set up for the installation of AC, stove can be electric or propane, maple laminate flooring throughout the home, plumbing and wiring replaced 2006, back half of the garage is set up to raise chickens for sale of eggs which can be removed for additional parking, home furnishings included. \$130,000 MLS#85050

ACREAGE

<u>57P-57Q N Riverview Lane</u>: This 1.33 acre parcel features 1/14 share in a co-op well with 2 water spickets, electric conduit installed for power, panoramic views, zoned GU for RV, Manufactured home, or site built home. Near Roosevelt Lake for great fishing and water sports, and at the base of the Sierra Ancha Wilderness area and the Mazatzal Mountains to the west for great UTV riding. <u>\$90,000 MLS#84890</u>

<u>57R N Riverview Lane</u>: This 1/2 Acre features panoramic views of the Sierra Ancha wilderness area to the east, the Mazatzal mountains to the west, and Four Peaks to the south. Just 5 miles south to the Indian Point boat ramp at Roosevelt Lake for great fishing and water sports. You can take your ATV right from this lot to many forest service roads. **\$40,000 MLS#84925**

<u>PENDING-94B W Canyon Ridge Drive</u>: Nestled on the outskirts of Ridge Canyon this beautiful level 1 acre lot is reserved for site built home with 1500 sq ft minimum and matching garage.) Views of high desert and sounding mountains. Build your dream home here! Enjoy nearby Roosevelt Lake for great fishing and water sports. Don't miss a great opportunity for this beautiful lot. Electric and water to lot line. \$65,000 MLS#85787

Information is deemed to be reliable, but is not guaranteed.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Important Numbers for Tonto Basin, For Situation updates & Non-Emergency messaging, call the Gila County HOT-LINE

(928) 402-8888 or toll free 800-304-4452.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

emsdept@co.gila,az,us Emergency: 9-1-1 Road Conditions: 5-1-1

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE meet the 3rd Thursday of every month at 9:30 A.M. at the Chamber building. (NO meetings June, July, or August.)

www.tontobasinchamber.org

FORT RENO VFW POST 8807 meets 4th Saturday of the month 9 AM

GILA COUNTY SUPERVISOR/COMMUNITY MTG FOR TONTO BASIN The 1st Tuesday of the month at 5PM held at the Tonto Basin Chamber bldg

SIERRA ANCHO LADY CARD PLAYERS: come join us to play/learn CRAZY CANAS-TA Wednesday 9AM-3PM at the Chamber of Commerce Building - Break for lunch @ 11:30AM

PUNKIN CENTER BAR'S FLEA MARKET IS HELD every other week on SATURDAY Stop by Punkin Center to sign up for your "FREE" Space.

TONTO BASIN KIWANIS CLUB MEETINGS NO MEETINGS FOR THE REST OF

DEC

NEXT MEETING JAN.5TH, 2022, 9:00AM AT THE COMMUNITY CEN-TER.

BE PART OF A GREAT CLUB - WE WEL-COME NEW VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS! APPLY AT THE THRIFT STORE.

KIWANIS THRIFT STORE 928-479-2795 CLOSED THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS. MER-RY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TONTO BASIN! WE WILL REOPEN THURS-DAY JAN 6TH.

STORE HOURS ARE THURSDAY, FRIDAY

AND SATURDAYS 9-2.
DROP OFF HOURS ARE 9-1:30 ONLY.

KIWANIS BINGO NO BINGO FOR THE REST OF DECEMBER. BINGO WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY JAN. 6TH AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

DOORS OPEN 5:30 CHECK-IN AT 6:15 GAMES BEGIN 6:30 DOOR PRIZES!

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LOTS-ACREAGE

TBD B15508 E Canterbury Ln Beautiful corner lot w/fantastic views .87 acres, paved private road Tonto Basin Water Co. APS electric aval. \$89,900 MLS85954

TBD N HWY 188 1.81 Acre Prime Hwy frontage. West Side of Hwy 188 near Butcherhook Complex. Paved 40 ft turnout Zoned GU \$149,000 MLS85942

TBD N Cline Blvd 1 acre, great location. 3 miles from Indian Point boat ramp, septic sys. In, partial chain link fencing. \$95,000 ML\$85941

TBD N Cline Blvd 1.6 acre, great location. 3 miles from Roosevelt Lake at Indian Point. Property has eclectic meter, 3 septic sys, partial chain link fencing. \$154,000 ML\$85940

RR115 W Buckshot Ln. Prime location, Double Corner Lot on HWY188 & Buckshot. .94 acre w/181 ft of HWY frontage. 1500 gallon septic 3/4' water meter, electric avail. \$199,000 ML\$85807

RR Parcel #"C"-"D" ROS #5361 S Ewing Trl 1.4 acres, Borders TNF. Power & water aval. \$94,900 ea, MLS85743-MLS85744-MLS85745

RR44247 N HWY 188 Sen Hardt HWY Close to Roosevelt Lake! One of a kind! 5.89 acre w/ septic, well & elect in. water company line at West Boundary \$229,000 ML\$85727

RR54 W Ironwood Ln. View lot .23 acres. Ready for your Manf'd or Site built 1036 sq ft min home. Country maintained paved road w/elec & water to lot line \$49,000/ MLS85515

REDUCED-RR71 W Saguaro Rd .44 acre, Build your home or manufactured home (1036 sq ft) Panoramic Views. Close to Roosevelt Lake & TNF. Paved county road & pvt dirt access. \$19,900 MLS85136

RR5Q W Raven Cliff. Take a look at this .70 ac parcel! Great Views! Build your lake house here! Water & Power to lot line. \$59,900 MLS84658

RR5N W Canyon Ridge Dr. Unique Mountaintop setting! Views from this private awesome home site! Borders TNF on South & West boundaries. Site built only. 1500 sq ft min & matching garage. \$229,000 MLS84204

RR62A W Walnut Way .50 Acre Great lot bordering TNF. Septic installed. \$69,900. MLS84967

RR83 S Moose Point one of a kind View! .96 ac Lot! RV okay! Elect & water at lot line \$69,900 MLS84190

MANUFACTURED-SITE BUILT HOMES
RR234 E Rattlesnake. Convenient Location! .52
acres. Well maintained 1997 1,648 sq ft Palm
Harbor 2bd/2ba MH w/front & rear cov'd porches
23x30 ft triple gar.+ RV parking. Det shp b;dg +
det storage blds. Call today for more
information \$289,000 ML\$85966

PENDING-RR165 W Elmer LN Great mountain Views! .29 ac 2020 1,120 sq ft 3bd/2ba MH. Totally remodeled, New kitchen w/stainless apl., stacking washer & dryer. New frame gar, 20X26 w/gar door opener, attchd 8X25 Awning/patio. Two new steel awnings & concrete patios on 3 sides. RV hook-up! \$255,000 ML\$85874

PENDING RR500 W Packard Dr. Rural Living at its Best! Private Quiet 1 ac, borders TNF to west. Horses OK! 2012 Quality CAVCO MH 1,376 sq ft, 3bd/2ba front & rear patios, private well. 1,344 sq ft finished 4 car garage w/lots of cabinets & util sink + det storage shed \$325,000 MLS85868

REDUCED-RR159 N Rope RD 1370 sq ft Site Built home on 1 ac. 2bd/2ba. Totally Remodeled. W 528 sq ft attached garage. New kitchen w/ breakfast bar, tile flooring, all appl incld. Shared well. 3 RV spaces, steel carport, vinyl & wood fencing. Shed. A must seel \$395,000 ML\$85738

PENDING-RR271 W Christopher Ln 2001 24x44 Fleetwood 1,056 sq ft 3bd/2ba MH. Lg tree on corner. Horse property! All appl incl'd. New metal roof & HVAC. Dbl carport, rear deck plus open patio w/privacy fencing. Nice cov/d front deck & util rm w/wall a/c, det office craft building w/wall a/c, RV parking! Must See! \$165,000 MLS85848

PENDING RR472 N Rocky Rd Views of surrounding mountains, this home borders TNF..23 ac 19999 2bd/2ba., 1,456 sq ft., 26X56 Fleetwood MH. Extra parking w/2concrete driveways. RV parking Steel carport, steel patio cover. Metal storage shed. Fenced back yard. \$239,000. MLS85803

PENDING-RR 434 S Ewing Trail 3.06 ac, 1,920 sq ft 3bd/4ba Fleetwood MH. Upgraded cabinets w/ Corian countertops. All appls, inc. Garden beds, Orchard Koi pond, greenhouse, fruit, nut 7 shade trees, rain water cistern sys. 1900 sq ft block gar. w/13 ft doors. 2 additional steel covered carports, 2 portable bldgs.,. Must see. \$399,500 ML\$85186