

Pitiful Party

Dear Tim:

Our office holiday party is always a dud. I'm not sure whether it has to do with the fact that attendance is mandatory, the alcohol is rationed or the food is as stale as my boss's jokes. I don't think it can get any worse. The only comic relief usually comes the next day when we find George from accounting's spare toupee in someone else's desk drawer and see what the interns were doing with the copy machine. Any advice?

—Bored on Bradford

Dear Bored:

We're not a pharmacy, so I can't offer you any anti-depressants. But we can help you with the food and drinks. We've got a full line of fresh, tasty party trays for every occasion, including hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, meats and seafood, fruits and vegetables, and delectable desserts. And we've got an incredible selection of beers, wines, champagnes and drinks to liven up any event. So stop by the meat



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department to order your party trays today, and pick up your drinks by the bottle or the case. And this year, spend more time in the copy room. It sounds like that's where the party's at.

Dear Tim:

I served one of your gourmet Bowman Landes turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner and it was a huge hit. Needless to say, the pressure's on for Christmas now. What have you got for me?

—Applauded on Alliston

Dear Applauded:

You know the turkey's a hit, so you can't go wrong there. We've also got farm-fresh ham and goose in the meat department if you're looking to do something traditional. I've always been partial to plum pudding with rum sauce myself, but Glenda's been on me to cut back on anything that might augment my Santa-esque physique (maybe if you have some left over you can sneak it to me at the service desk window). Add in some eggnog from aisle 1 and some fresh-cut flowers for your table and you'll have a holiday meal that would make Kris Kringle himself consider stopping.

Dear Tim:

Is it just me, or is Maurice Clarett a massive tool?

—Miffed on Millwood

Dear Miffed:

It's not just you.

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