

Winning recipe guide for bowl day bliss

It looks as if Nebraska is going to another New Year's Day bowl game, so you'll want to have a few (hundred) friends over to celebrate the victory.

But how do you do it? Well don't fret; here's Antone's "Sports Guy" recipe to bowl day bliss.

The first stop on your quest for bowl day bliss is probably Rent-A-Center, so the serious bowl game partier can rent three more TVs. I'm assuming most people already have one TV to work with. You're going to need about four cable-ready sets for the day, each tuned in to a different channel with a different game on and all playing at the same time.

Next stop: the grocery store. You're going to need a variety of football-watching snacks. My first suggestion is some type of nacho dip.

My personal favorite is Velveeta cheese, Hormel chili **WITHOUT BEANS** and salsa all mixed together. Heat the chili, slicing the cheese into the chili to melt. Add the salsa after the cheese is melted. Heat to desired temperature and serve with chips — preferably the red and white kind for Husker spirit.

IMPORTANT: Remember this is a special occasion. All chips should go in a bowl, not served right out of the bag.



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Next, you'll want a variety of vegetables, also known as a relish tray, which includes dill and onion dip as well as some kind of relish and a few pickles. This is important to add that third level to the food pyramid.

Now you'll need to pick up a variety of drinks for your party. Beer is probably the best for people over 21, but you also want to add some pop and other drinks for those pesky minors and designated drivers (who are also important on game day).

Be creative — try making different kinds of punch for each team playing. When that team scores, the people at the party have to drink a glass of that team's punch. You can even try to make it one of the team's colors.

For example: You could use Goldschläger in the Notre Dame

punch. Oh wait — they lost to USC and won't make a New Year's Day bowl game.

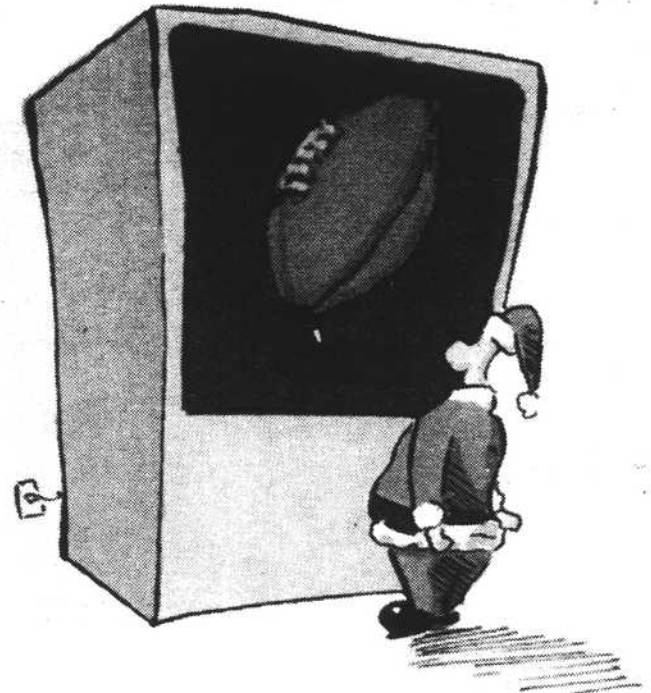
Last, but definitely not least, is an entree for your guests. The great standby is ordering a pizza or two. But, I think a little home cooking would be a nice game-day touch. Try making a batch of Sloppy Joes or a big pot of chili. Such culinary delights will literally warm up the party.

So, you've got the TVs, the food and the drinks. What are you missing, besides people? Decorations, of course (dirty underwear on the ceiling fan is not acceptable party decor).

Bowl game party decor consists of left-over favors from New Year's Eve, a dried-out Christmas tree and one ultimately important thing: a football.

The football (usually a Nerf, so no personal possessions break) is absolutely necessary for a good bowl-game party. The ball serves a huge purpose. It can cause beer to be spilled all over the carpet, and can be bounced off people's heads. It is also a great thing for throwing at the rented TVs when your favorite team is scored on.

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Store windows reflect season

Spaeth Design creates some of world's most extravagant Christmas displays.

NEW YORK (AP) — A family of mice is trying hard to snooze on Fifth Avenue. Trouble is, "Jingle Bells" keeps playing right next to the dresser drawer where the aggravated rodents huddle, inside a window of upscale emporium Lord & Taylor.

They bang a broomstick on the drawer's "ceiling," but to no avail. That's because, out on the street, children are madly pressing buttons on the plate glass to sound the carol

over and over.

It makes for a merry, interactive Christmas — and "some of the most expensive Christmas windows in the world," said sculptor John Carter, who designed the store's six-window display.

Carter works for Spaeth Design Inc., a giant doll house packed with imagination, motorized mice and, at peak season, some 100 inventive men and women.

From its 27,000-square-foot workshop on Manhattan's West Side, Spaeth Design has created some of New York City's most lavish department-store windows, as well as displays for clients ranging from American Express to the American Bible Society.

The company was started in 1943 by Walter Spaeth, a high school dropout who had taken a course in seasonal store-window decoration. With the help of his wife, Dorothy, and their son, David, the mom-and-pop shop became one of the world's top commercial display companies.

In addition to creating annual holiday displays for Lord & Taylor and Saks Fifth Avenue, the company has worked on a teddy-bear museum in Tokyo, a Japanese mall, singing bears for Las Vegas and custom props for films, TV commercials and trade shows.

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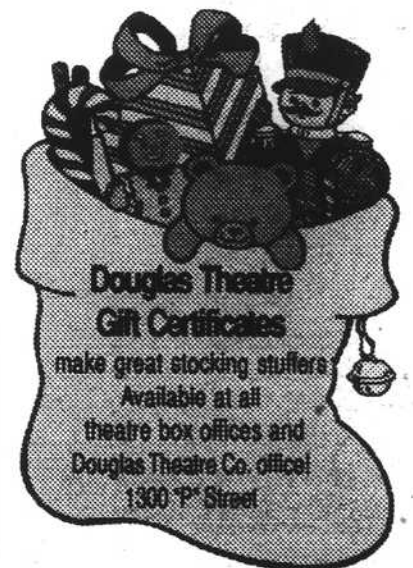
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