No use being a zealot. A couple of teaspoons of sugar on your morning oatmeal or cereal, and beans or greens cooked in a small amount of bacon or ham won't wreck your routine. Eat just about anything you want or crave (reasonable amounts) for one meal a week. Life without pizza on the weekend would be unendurable for some people. One alcoholic beverage (a beer, glass of wine, or a drink) once a week at mealtime is fine. Any eating plan will fail if it is too rigid.

Size

You have nothing to lose but fat, and some sizes in your belt and clothes.

Timing

Is this your time for blubber elimination? King Solomon wrote of the proper time for everything under the sun: a time to sow and a time to reap, a time to live and a time to die—and so on. No one will decide to lose fat (or stop being an alcoholic) until the proper time is reached—for him or her. For people who are tortured by being overweight, the time just might be right now.

Yours for good health and safe flying

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The Best of the Best Foods

Feature them in your foolproof eating plan

All-bran cereals Apples **Asparagus** Bananas Beans Beef (lean cut) 4 oz. per day **Beets Berries** Bread (whole-grain) 1-3 slices a day Broccoli Brussels sprouts Buttermilk (low-fat) Cabbage Cantaloupe Cauliflower Celerv Chicken breast (no skin. broiled or baked)

Food Guide Pyramid A Guide to Daily Food Choices Fats, Oils, & Sweets USE SPARINGLY These symbols show fat and added sugars in foods. Milk, Yogurt, & Cheese Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dry Beans, Eggs, & Nuts Group Group 2-3 SERVINGS Vegetable Fruit Group 3-5 SERVINGS 2-4 SERVINGS Bread, Cereal, Group SERVINGS Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture/U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Collard greens
Condiments (just about any that don't have a
lot of fat, sugar, or salt)
Cottage cheese (low-fat or no-fat)

Cream (fat-free sour cream)

4 oz. per day

Cucumbers

Eggs 1-2 a day if your cholesterol is OK.

(hard-boiled or poached)
Fish (cod is great)-not fried!

Kale

Lettuce

Margarine (no fat)

Milk (skim, no-fat)

Mushrooms

Mustard greens

Nuts (handful a day at most)

Oatmeal

Olive oil (moderate amounts for

salads and flavoring)

Onions Oranges Pears

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Peppers, green or red

Pickles Pineapple

Popcorn, unsalted and unbuttered

Pork (lean) 4 oz. per day

Potatoes (Irish or sweet, with skin)

one big or two small

Radishes

Rice (brown or wild)

Salad dressing (no-fat)

Saisa

Soft drinks (no sugar)

Soy products (tofu, etc.)

Spinach Squash

Sugar substitutes (Aspartame and Saccharine)

Tomatoes

Turkey breast (no skin, broiled or baked)

4 oz. per day

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Yams

Yogurt (plain, unsweetened)

Zucchini

