

For this year on Turkey Day



6. Facebook. You knew it would make the list. Facebook helps us to re-connect with distant relatives, elementary school friends and to embarrass us when we forget to make a photo "customized" privacy and only available to be viewed by a few select people. Status updates are always fun to think of and notes are always fun to write. All around, I could say I'm thankful for Facebook, for many reasons, just not very good ones.

7. Your significant other. If this Thanksgiving finds you in love then this is one you can definitely be thankful for. Whether you're married, engaged, in a LTR (long-term relationship) or simply dating around, let's be thankful for the opposite gender (or same if that's the case). What would life be without them?



8. Your JOB. If you still have your job in this economy, many people have most likely already told you how lucky you are. Truly be thankful if you're still employed; keeping your job intact is perhaps the thing you should be most thankful for THIS Thanksgiving.



9. You haven't caught swine flu!

10. TiVo. Americans love our TiVo; it makes life so much easier. We can go out and still watch our favorite TV show. Whether it's the Ducks vs. USC game or "So You Think You Can Dance," TiVo proves to always let us have our cake and eat it too.



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getting along with relatives. Some people are very grumpy and get along with extended families just fine. For the rest of us, our extended families are a source of frustration and stress, especially during the holidays.

you probably won't remember what happened, and you probably won't care much when things are happening either. Then again it may be a bad idea, as your family might not approve of your drinking. If that is the case, you may have to put up with complaints from Aunt Mable for years.

"Always stay away from the crazy cat lady that happens to be your relative," commented Harris. She tells that story about her cat finding an old muffin under the fridge every year, and you are most definitely getting tired of it.

Religion and politics are often an area of disagreement between families. On this issue Harris said, "Tell your family you believe in Jesus so you can avoid conflict." Now I am not sure if dishonesty is the right way to go, but perhaps it is the right idea to tell your family you believe in their chosen deity or deities.

On the same subject Tolan said, "Don't bring up religion unless you want to eat turkey off the front lawn." Personally, I recommend this option over lying to your family.

Food: This is the bonus section of this article. While there still may be some stress over

food, food still is one of the highlights of many holidays. It may still have some stress involved with the preparation, but everyone loves eating.

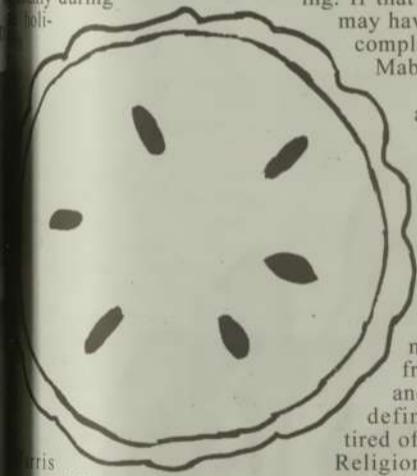
As a sort of punishment I assume, Gross said, "Make everyone eat green bean casserole and candied yams. That's all I eat on Thanksgiving." Even if the flavor is good, the texture of these things turns my stomach. Then again, it

could just be me.

Kimberly Miller is a student that finds desert to be the best part of feasting on holidays. "My Aunt Pat makes the best homemade apple pie." I think everyone has at least a few relatives who can cook or bake something really amazing. Holidays can offer an opportunity to taste something amazing. And, as a tie in to getting along with relatives,

showing your appreciation for the delightful food your various relatives have prepared can make your time with them a whole lot easier.

Don't hesitate to ask your family members for recipes on holidays. If you truly love what they make, this is a great time to learn how to make it for yourself, or even make it yourself for the next holiday family get-together.



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Kimberly Miller relaxes in the commons of the Bill Brod Community Center considering the pie and all the other foods she will eat this Thanksgiving.

Harris recommended some ideas for keeping the peace. Some ideas being more than others. "Make sure you get extra tryptophan in the turkey so they will pass out. You don't have to listen to them yammer on about crap you don't care about." Exactly, Harris said. "When relatives are relatives, don't get into a heated argument with over your decision to get your belly button buttoned. You also don't have to listen to their gossip about that horrible person your dad used to be."

Harris Gross, Harris's fiancée, commented, "Drink a little. Maybe that is a good idea. If you get drunk enough,