

The first Thanksgiving: Deer and beer

Half the Pilgrims in Plymouth, Mass., died from scurvy, malnutrition and exposure in early 1621. A harvest festival was held that fall to celebrate a good corn crop. The first Thanksgiving:

- Was a three-day feast with games, militia drills
- Had at least 140 guests: 50 Pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag Indians
- Served beer; Pilgrims would not drink the water, had no tea or coffee
- Served venison; Indians who came to the feast brought five deer to cook
- Included arm wrestling and stool ball; leather stuffed with feathers
- Was eaten with fingers, spoons, knives; no forks



SOURCE: Plimoth Plantation; "If You Sailed on the Mayflower," by Ann McGovern, Smithsonian Institution; Research by WENDY GOVIER

Retail ignores Thanksgiving as a holiday due to lack of profit

by Brad Palmer
Staff Reporter

In recent years, the retail world has forgotten about Thanksgiving. Department stores aren't promoting the holiday because it doesn't make a substantial profit.

"Thanksgiving is for the food industry, they make the money on this holiday, not retail," said Janell Oehlsen, customer service manager at Target.

Thanksgiving is a time for large family gatherings and festive dinners, a time for giving thanks, and a time to reflect on what the meaning of Thanksgiving is. Christmas is celebrated by exchanging gifts and remembering the birth of Christ, unlike Thanksgiving, which has no gift exchange. However, families gather for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Over recent years Christmas promotions have started as early

as late July, Thanksgiving promotions start around mid-October, even after Halloween promotions that start around mid-September.

Thanksgiving is displayed in most department stores in a very limited manner. Most of the places that make money on Thanksgiving are card shops, and grocery stores. Card stores feature decorations, condiments, cards and gifts, and party packs. Grocery stores also handle these items, but food is a bigger priority, and now you can buy meals to feed an entire family.

However, the hotel industry looks at Thanksgiving as an opportunity to offer inexpensive meals and to gather friends, families, and couples together.

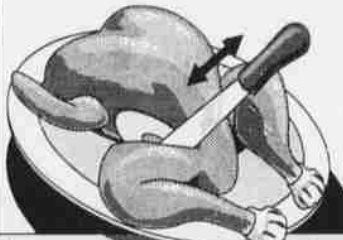
Thanksgiving is a time of giving thanks and reflecting with friends and family, and retail may have gotten away from this message.

Holiday meat now popular year-round

Turkey has become more and more popular on American tables. Here's how to carve one like an expert.

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Let turkey cool for an hour after roasting so the meat can "set." Pull legs away from turkey; cut through hip joint without removing leg.



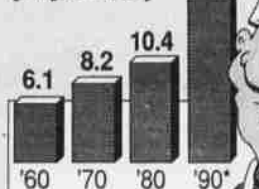
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The first cut into the breast meat goes horizontally, all the way to the breast bone, just above wing joint.



Eating more turkey

per person (in pounds)



*Projected

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Next cut downward, making thin slices of breast meat. Repeat on other side of breast. Slice meat off thighs.



"Do unto others" becomes motto for several on Thanksgiving

by Bonar Tucker
Editor

Across the valley, those who are fortunate enough to have a Thanksgiving are sharing with those who are not. By doing so, this holiday becomes one of warmth and friendliness and a special time of thankfulness for those both giving and receiving.

Help is needed at several outlets locally offering food and shelter on this holiday. By offering our services, we can capture the true sense of giving. "Can you pass this opportunity to help" asks Tom Miller of St. Vincent's Dining Room. Miller reminds us that no one wants to be cold, homeless, and hungry. Many times uncontrollable circumstances have caused this situation. The generosity of the fortunate helps eradicate the cause and brings new hope to the people where now despair exists.

Volunteers to help with serving Thanksgiving dinner to the needy can call St. Vincent's at 385-

7801.

The Las Vegas Rescue Mission needs volunteers to both serve dinner on Thanksgiving Day and help pack and send food baskets to those in need.

Ed Compton, pastor and director of the Mission, said volunteers are always needed.

"We will be involved in serving about 700 people," he said. "Lots of help is needed so that everyone can enjoy the day and no one is overworked. Serving of the dinner will begin about 12:30 p.m. and will conclude around 6:30 p.m."

Compton is proud that his program offers such a family-type atmosphere.

"We have a nice sit-down dinner and afterward, everyone can enjoy music in the fellowship hall. No one feels rushed and new friends are made," he said. "Everyone enjoys the day."

Those wishing to donate food or volunteer their time can call 382-1766.

Turkeys, canned vegetables

and pumpkin pie are still needed for The Salvation Army food boxes.

Sumner Dodge, director of the food drive, said, "We will need tens of thousands of cans of food because we will be distributing about 3,500 boxes. Toys and clothing are also needed for the upcoming Christmas season."

Dodge said the Boy Scouts had recently held a successful canned food drive and UNLV's Business Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi, had also collected 10 boxes of food.

"This is helpful and very much appreciated," said Dodge.

Food and clothing can be donated to the Salvation Army's new center at 35 W. Owens Ave. More information can be obtained by calling 870-4430.

Helping to "spread the thanks" can make a Thanksgiving Day special to all involved. Student volunteers are always welcomed.

Hotel gets into holiday spirit

Excalibur Hotel/Casino's first annual "Thankful Thanksgiving Project" is taking shape. It was spearheaded by the resort's director of Food & Beverage, Andre Portal.

Excalibur's executives are thankful for their "tables of plenty" at Thanksgiving, but realize that is not the case for hun-

dreds of homeless in Las Vegas. Through a team effort at the hotel, executives, including Vice President/General Manager Bill Paulos, are turning out a festive, old-fashioned traditional Thanksgiving dinner for 500 homeless people. They will begin serving at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at St. Vincent's Dining Room. All

of the food will be prepared at Excalibur and then taken to the Shelter located at 1501 Las Vegas Blvd. No. This Thanksgiving will be Excalibur's first in the Las Vegas community and in the tradition of Circus Circus Enterprises, Inc., the resort has a strong desire to participate in community affairs.

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