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## **PROPRIETOR'S MESSAGE**

### *Veteran's Day Reflections*

*By John Trotta, Proprietor  
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John Trotta, Fire Base Green, RVN, 1970

I'm not one to talk much about "the war" but that's me, sitting in the hot Southeast Asian sun, 38 years ago. Our accommodations weren't as bad as most; at least we had a sandbagged hooch. Veterans Day recalls the young faces of comrades-in-arms.

I'd like to take this time to salute all of you, my customers, who may have served, and those of you who have loved ones serving now. My thoughts are with all of our brave men and women in the military.

Happy Veteran's Day!



## Tami's Corner

### **Turkey Recipes Even Martha Stewart Would Love**

By Tami Kamin-Meyer

When my sons, now 10 and 13, were in pre-school, I eagerly awaited the arrival of the month of November because of a ridiculously cute project the kids created every year.

As comedian Bill Cosby taught us, kids *will* say the darndest things, and that annual project was an excellent reminder.

Each child was given a white sheet of paper cut into the shape of a turkey. The teacher's instructions were simple: create a recipe for cooking your family's Thanksgiving turkey.

With an extra thick pencil in hand, each 4-year-old, many with tongues curled outside their mouths to indicate their nearly impenetrable concentration, began to write.

When each child finally completed writing their recipes, the teacher collected them all. Then every kid was to decorate another cut-out of a turkey, this time made out of orange paper.

At day's end, every child came home with a wonderfully humorous and incredibly useful cookbook overflowing with turkey recipes. Each turkey-shaped page offered its author's versions of the tastiest ways to defrost, prepare, season, cook and even eat the unlucky bird.

Among the most memorable entries included phrases such as: "microwave for 30 seconds, pour salt on wings then put on a plate," or "go to a turkey farm, catch one in a net, put in the oven at 100 degrees for 15 minutes, cut and eat."

Because both my boys know I am no Susie Homemaker, their recipes urged the user to "call daddy 4 help" and "put in pan with karets and cook. Don't let smoke alarm ring becuz then its burnd."

Good thing I taught them how to dial 9-1-1 at the ripe old age of two.

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## Larry Harris on Sports



## **FROM A DISTANCE, SHOOTERS WILL MAKE DEFENSES CHANGE**

By Larry Harris

Notes, Quotes and Opinions from a mind totally infested with useless information:

- They have already started hooping it up in college circles and one of the most intriguing questions to be answered in this basketball season will be the effect the new three-point line has on the game.

Those long-range bombers now are taking aim from 20 feet, 9 inches or more, a full foot behind last year's distant line. Still, that may not be a problem for players like Notre Dame's Kyle McIlarney, who has free rein to cut loose the second he crosses the half-court mark.

The biggest difference, believes University of Maryland-Baltimore County coach Randy Monroe, will be in how the new line changes defenses.

"It will definitely spread and alter the defensive outlook," says the big man who took his Retrievers to the NCAA tournament last season. "There will surely be bigger openings in the foul lane, which makes for more drive opportunities. There will be longer 'close-outs,' advancing the defender toward the shooter."

Still, Monroe says, no one really knows until they start playing the games for real.

"All you can do is prepare the team the best you know how. We have some guys who can shoot the long ball and also some who can't. Our job is to capitalize on whatever talents -- and limitations -- your team has. Last year we knew we had several people who could score. You didn't have to be a Phi Beta Kappa to figure that one out."

Another coach who firmly agrees with Monroe's stance on the new shooting line is Jim Calhoun, boss of the University of Connecticut crew that is in everyone's preseason top five.

"By cleaning up the lane in college basketball, if we can get kids to move without the basketball, we've probably made a good change," he said.

- How bad is the economic crunch hurting sports? The totals are just beginning to filter in. One report said as many as 50,000 fans didn't show for the NASCAR race at Talladega, Ala., recently and just last week Kodak pulled out of the racing scene as a sponsor after 22 years. Many major golf tournaments are looking anxiously over their shoulders and even NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell says owners are battening down the hatches in several areas, even though tickets to the Super Bowl in Tampa in February have been priced at \$1,000 per copy. It's going to get worse before it gets better.

- It's good to see the Carolina Panthers hit midway of the NFL season with a 6-2 record and an excellent chance of making the playoffs. Coach John Fox, admittedly on the hot seat before this season began, is known as a pretty hard case, so it was revealing that the man has a soft side, too, when he made his final preseason roster cuts a couple months back.

"You get close to these guys," he said. "You build relationships; this game's about relationships. I don't care how high or how low your interest level is, you still get attached to guys. They give all they can. That's what you ask for. There's no shame in it (getting cut). It just wasn't meant to be here, maybe somewhere else."

- Oh, bury me not: According to the Associated Press, there is an increase in the number of people who want to scatter the ashes of deceased friends or relatives at sports venues.

"It probably happens and we sort of turn a blind eye if people are discreet," Dallas Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said of those who carry urns to Cowboys Stadium. "But

we don't really feel it's appropriate. And besides, these things have a way of turning into elaborate ceremonies and we don't want a stream of hearses pulling up to the stadium."

- Only six NFL coaches have won back-to-back Super Bowls. Can you name half of them? Well, there are Mike Shanahan and Bill Belichick (active), who join the more revered names of Vince Lombardi, Don Shula, Chuck Noll (he did it twice) and Jimmy Johnson.

- As October fades into the sunset, it's always interesting to bring up a fabled 18th day of that month in 1977. In Game 6 of that season's World Series, slugger Reggie Jackson creamed three home runs on three straight pitches off three different pitchers to spark the N.Y. Yankees to the championship.

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### ***Quote of the Month:***

November. This is one of the particularly dangerous months to speculate stocks in. The others are July, January, September, April, October, May, March, June, December, August and February.

*Mark Twain, American Humorist, 1835-1910*

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