

Upfront

As I write this, Thanksgiving is three days away. The holiday creates a time crunch for our magazine. Instead of transmitting our files to a printer midday Tuesday, we're under Monday deadline this week. In order to make it, I must edit all of the content over the weekend (it usually takes about five hours to do so, give or take). Unfortunately, I didn't. I pushed much of it until this (Monday) morning. So, I'm rushing to type something quickly in this space.

I haven't conceived a compelling essay idea, which stinks, since I recognize that there are guests in many of your homes this weekend (no judgment, for the record), so some prospective readers will see this column only one time. (I am comfortable claiming that it's usually considerably better than this installment, and you can find 26 previous versions – and all of the past 12 months' content – archived at theskinnie.com.)

Opportunity squandered. For me. For us. For this I apologize and affirm my regret. However, I'll use this space in an uncreative but authentic way: We wish you and your loved ones extra special holidays, as we anticipate the conclusion of a previously unimaginable year. When our sense of optimism is challenged, gratitude is good medicine. Remember the manifold good fortune we each have to celebrate, and enjoy your leftovers and your decorations, while remaining safe.

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