

# **Gadhafi, The Lions, and Harry Potter – A Time to Give Thanks**

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Thanksgiving is upon us, and as we get ready to sit down across the table from the relative across from us that we haven't spoken to in several years, there is no better time to reflect on what we can be thankful for from the past year. 2011 has been an interesting year to say the least. We have had our share of ups and downs, and because no one wants to talk about the bad parts while we eat our turkey, let's focus on the good that has come out of this year.

To start off, let us give thanks to the several thousand troops stationed around the globe protecting us at home. What they do on a daily basis is incredible and distinguishes them as heroes among us. We can also give special thanks to the brave men and women who worked together to bring down terror leaders and dictators such

as Osama Bin Laden and Moammar Gadhafi. I know this Thanksgiving, the weight of those two men reigning terror has been lifted off of many Americans' shoulders.

Another person we can give thanks to in 2011 is Steve Jobs, a true pioneer in technology innovation, who died recently of cancer. His contributions, like the iPod and Mac computers, will continue to be the future of communication and entertainment. At least once this Thanksgiving we will all remember his contributions while we check Facebook on our iPhones and Tweet about how dry grandma's stuffing is.

I want to thank the Detroit Lions for not being the laughing stock of the NFL this year. Finally for once on Thanksgiving I can enjoy a football game that is actually exciting.

I also want to give my most dedicated thanks to Popeye's for supplying the Red Sox with chicken this past fall. What would sports radio be without angry fans of Boston Nation calling in, bashing the Flop Sox?

I also want to thank the makers of the final Harry Potter movie. I've been following the series my entire life and while most of America and myself feared the ending would be botched, I am pleased with the results. This summer was a lot better knowing Harry and company didn't get left in the dust on the big screen. On

the other hand, I hope the writers of the TV show “The Killing” on AMC choke on a turkey bone. It must be great knowing who killed Rosie while I sit here with the rest of clueless America trying to figure out the mystery.

Personally, I have a lot to appreciate and give thanks to. I achieved a lot this past year, including getting my driver’s license (a painful experience to say the least). The help I received from college advisors and tutors to help prepare for the SATs and college was greatly appreciated. I know this Thanksgiving will be a lot easier to digest knowing that my applications are sent on time.

Happy Thanksgiving and may you have a happy and healthy holiday.

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