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## Ank's Angle —

Hey, Ankenbrandt here!  
(An excerpt from Dave's blog.)

Can you believe that we are nearing year end? Where did it all go? It has been a busy year. Business is good, health is good, family is good, and the office is totally new.

WHAT? The office is new? You know me, Old Ankenbrandt is not one for change, but we went through a lot of it this year. We have remodeled our offices, added all new furniture and work stations, and as you can see from this blog, a new website. They tell me around here that change is good and so far it has been. We have gone through our own "Extreme Makeover" and to be quite honest, I like it. I invite you to come on by and take a look. We look forward to seeing you then!

-David M. Ankenbrandt



## From the Bull Pen

*Excuse me, do you have a minute?*

Some interruptions may be important but they are still interruptions and they may stop or slow you down from finishing a task. To stem the tide of constantly being pulled into something else try these tips:

- Catch all meetings — Set up a weekly or daily meeting time so the people you're working with can ask all their questions.
- Focus Time — Set aside time where you are not to be disturbed unless it's an emergency. (The definition of an emergency is an earthquake, fire, bomb threat.) Then use that time to focus on that project you need to get done.
- Listen — "If we did a better job of listening, history would not repeat itself." This quote from an unknown author says it all! So, set an example and don't interrupt so often – try listening.



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Our new web site is up! We have a new look; an easier to use format and Dave has his own Blog – "Dave's Ranting and Raving". If your email address has changed in the last year please email us your new address including your first and last name at [hotjobs@ankgrp.com](mailto:hotjobs@ankgrp.com). This next year we'd like to send more frequent emails to the people we know to keep you up on current trends and hot jobs.

## Thanksgiving Trivia

Thanksgiving holiday is descended from Puritan day of fasting and festive rejoicing.

The 1621 "First Thanksgiving" idea was invented in Victorian times. According to several web sites, we found the actual first Thanksgiving occurred in 1623, and most likely at the end of July with a church service but no feast.

In 1921, The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) undertook "Americanizing" new immigrants and published a guide "DAR Manual for Citizenship". This book of "needs to know" included The Pilgrims and the Thanksgiving story which helped to cement the Thanksgiving celebration of today. To date, more than 10 million manuals have been distributed.

## Quotable Quotes

What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving? -

-Erma Bombeck

### Thanksgiving 8000 calorie poem

May your stuffing be tasty  
May your turkey plump,  
May your potatoes and gravy  
have nary a lump.  
May your yams be delicious  
and your pies take the prize,  
and may your Thanksgiving dinner  
stay off your thighs!

-Unknown



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