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## Some Thoughts for the Holidays

The holiday season is here and that means we will all be busier doing lots of things we only do this time of year. Many of us will travel to see family and friends. Many will prepare big meals to feed family and friends. Many will be in a shopping frenzy to find the "perfect" gift for family and friends—or by the end of the shopping trip, any gift at all that is within the budget. It will be fun and we will be glad that we did it, but by January we will be exhausted!

For some of you, though, the holidays will be a very tough time. You may have lost a loved one this year; you may be struggling with your own loss of health; you may be struggling with job loss due to disability; you may be struggling financially and barely keeping your head above water. The added pressure of the holidays is not what you need right now.

I wish that I had a magical way to make it all better for you, but I don't. I can tell you this, though: **better days are coming**. How do I know? Because I see it every day in my law firm. Clients who think there is no end in sight to their troubles but they keep moving forward, trying their best to cope with the situation, and, over time, things get better. For some, the pain of loss lessens; for some, health improves; for some, medical care provides relief from pain; for some, a job comes along; for some, disability benefits are approved.

Like everyone else in the world, I was touched by the plight of the miners in Chile. Stuck in a dark hole underground for months. Not knowing for the first 17 days if anyone was even looking for them. Not having enough food and water. They could have easily given up and died. But they didn't—not a single one of them. Brighter days finally came and they were found. And, months later, they were saved. So, if you are tempted to give up, think about those miners and gain strength from their story.

I wish you peace and good times this holiday season.



## Thanks for the Referrals

The greatest compliment I can receive is for clients and colleagues to refer new clients. Thank you to everyone who referred clients in September & October:

April Awkward

Vita Cornish

Bruce Eisenberg, Esq.

Diane Littlepage, Esq.

David Massie

William McElroy

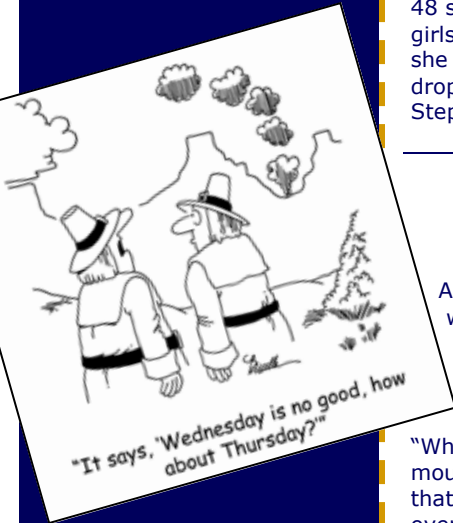
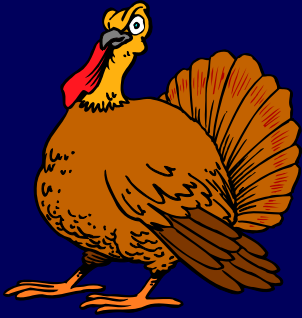
Terry Morton

Dennis Pulley

Billie Rollison

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# Thanksgiving Nov. 25, 2010



## Update: Stephanie Hill, Summer Intern

Our summer newsletter featured Stephanie Hill, a student at St. John's University in Queens, NY, who spent the summer assisting us in the office.

Stephanie planned to return to St. John's on Sunday, Aug. 29 and take up residence in a St. John's off-campus apartment. However, a phone call she received on Friday, Aug. 27 changed her plans!

During the spring, Stephanie applied to live at the Vincent & Louise House on campus for this school year. The V&L House is a community living experience in the Residence Village Townhouses (the newest housing on campus!). The four pillars of the program are: community living, community service, spirituality and simple living.

48 students applied for 14 spots (7 boys, 7 girls). Stephanie was not accepted, however she was put on a waiting list. One of the girls dropped out a week before move-in and Stephanie was offered the opportunity!

Luckily, she was packed and ready to go, because less than 16 hours after the phone call, she was meeting her new suite mates and unpacking her belongs.

As a resident of the V&L House, Stephanie will participate in service weekly at a homeless shelter, attend spirituality meetings, and study social justice issues. Although St. John's University is a Catholic institution, the Christian Living Community is open to and encourages a diversity of faith and spirituality.

All of us here at the law office wish Stephanie well on her next adventure!



## The Lighter Side

### Gotcha

A strong young man at a construction site was bragging that he could outdo anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of one of the older workmen. After several minutes, the older worker had enough.

"Why don't you put your money where your mouth is," he said. "I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that building and you won't be able to wheel it back."

"You're on, old man." the braggart replied. "Let's see you do it."

The old man grabbed the wheelbarrow, nodded to the young man, and said, "All right, get in!"

### It Happened in Texas

After digging to a depth of 10 feet, New York scientists found traces of copper wire. They concluded that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone, a California archaeologist dug 20 feet. Shortly after, a headline in the LA Times read: "California archaeologists find traces of 200-year-old copper wire." They concluded that their ancestors had a high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than New York.

One week later, a Texas newspaper reported: After digging 30 feet in his pasture, Bubba Mitchell, a self-taught archaeologist found absolutely nothing. He has concluded that 300 years ago, Texas had already gone wireless.

*The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving.*

~ H.U. Westermayer

*I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.*

~ Charles Dickens

## Thanks for the Referrals (continued)

Jim Rutledge, Esq.

Harvey Kirk, Esq.

William Saunders`

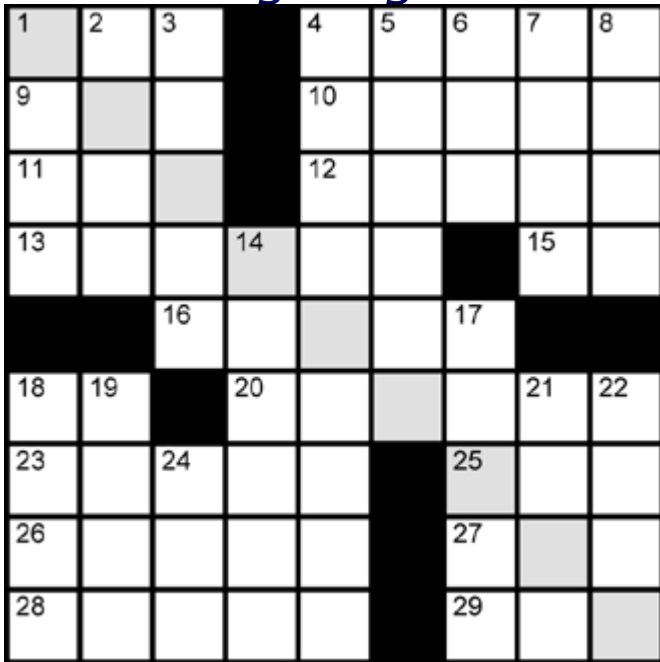
Bruce Scheck

Lemar Weathers

Heather Wirth

Weinstock, Friedman & Friedman

# Thanksgiving Guest



**Across**

- 1. Wharton grad.
- 4. Amount of hair
- 9. "Dig in!"
- 10. Devastation
- 11. "\_\_\_Doubtfire"
- 12. Swelling
- 13. Texas oil city
- 15. Indefinite article
- 16. Not together
- 18. "-\_You Like It"
- 20. Boozers
- 23. Type of scallop
- 25. Neighbor of Wash.
- 26. "Farewell mon ami"
- 27. Chill
- 28. Stands for
- 29. Acquire

**Down**

- 1. Exec's note
- 2. Poet
- 3. Bewildered
- 4. Synonym finder
- 5. Navigation aids
- 6. "The 3 Faces of \_\_\_"
- 7. Body
- 8. Diagnostic test
- 14. Ire
- 17. Flip-flop
- 18. Sandler of "Big Daddy"
- 19. Pro or Con
- 21. Cleveland's lake
- 22. Aug. follower
- 24. By way of



**FREE Seminars**  
**- Social Security Disability -**

Sessions Each Month!  
 See website for days, times, and locations



## BALTIMORE EVENTS

**Symphony of Lights Festivities**  
 Nov. 20—Dec. 31 All Day  
 Symphony Woods  
 10477 Little Patuxent Parkway  
 Columbia, MD  
 More than 70 larger-than-life light creations  
 There will also be fireworks at 7pm on Dec. 31st and a final walk through the 1.4 miles of displays.  
 410-740-7840 for info and pricing.

**FREE Monument Lighting Family Festival**  
 Dec. 2, 5-8pm  
 The Walters Art Museum  
 600 N. Charles Street  
 410-547-9000 ext. 300 for info

**Baltimore Farmers' Market & Bazaar**  
 Every Sunday 'til Dec. 19, All Day  
 Underneath the Jones Falls Expressway  
 Holliday & Saratoga Streets

**Ports America New Year's Eve Spectacular**  
 Dec. 31, 2010—Jan.1, 2011, 9pm to 1am  
 Inner Harbor  
 401 Light Street  
 Live music and fireworks!

Holiday Savings	Flu Shots	Exercise
<p><b>Lighting:</b> Invest a few extra dollars in LED lights. They use 80 to 90% less energy. Put them on a timer to save yourself trouble AND more money.</p> <p><b>Wrappings:</b> Save a tree and some cash by using gift bags saved from last year. Try creative wrapping with fabrics, newspaper, posters or magazines.</p> <p><b>Cards:</b> Create an email greeting that could include photos. OR, give children &amp; grandchildren paper to make drawings, then turn their art into holiday cards to send to family &amp; friends.</p>	<p>It's time to get your flu shot! It takes about two weeks after immunization for full protection to develop. This year the shot features protection against the seasonal flu as well as the H1N1 (swine flu). The shots cost \$25 to \$30 but are covered by health insurance and Medicare Part B.</p> 	<p>If you want to lose a few pounds, just 10 minutes/day of exercise is a big help. For an hour afterward, your body will continue to burn fat even if you're sitting in front of the TV!</p> 

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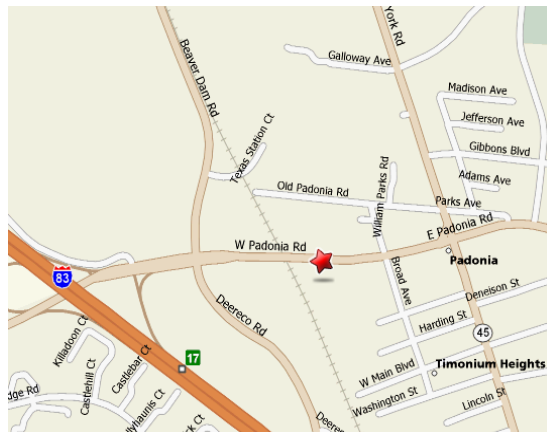
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The firm's mission is to fight for the underdog and level the playing field, whether the opponent is the government or an insurance company.

The firm's founder, Sharon A. Christie, is a nurse as well as an attorney.

**Sharon's clients receive the benefit of having their cases handled by a firm that knows the medicine AND the law.**

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