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QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME!

Here are a few questions I’m asked on a daily basis.

What type of law do you practice? I’m a personal injury attorney. I represent people who get seriously hurt and suffer harm as a result of someone else’s negligence. When the negligence results in death, I represent the victim’s family. My cases involve things like car wrecks, maritime accidents, oil rig accidents, premises liability, factory explosions, etc.

Do you specialize in personal injury law?

In Louisiana, lawyers are not allowed to say that they “specialize” in personal injury law. Some do it anyway, but it’s against the rules. There are also many companies lawyers can pay for endorsements. As for me, I’ve handled nothing but personal injury cases since graduating from Tulane Law 15 years ago. I take a lot of pride in helping injured people 100% of the time.

What if I have a question about a non-personal injury case? Please call me! I would be happy to listen to your problem and help get you pointed in the right direction. If it’s something I don’t handle, I know a lot of extremely good attorneys who probably can!



Thanks for your continued support!

-Grady

WELCOME THE UNCONVENTIONAL THANKSGIVING



3 IDEAS FOR MIXING UP THE TRADITIONAL TURKEY DAY

Some people love Thanksgiving just the way it is, but others feel the annual traditions that come with it are stifling. If you’re dreading the inevitable conversation about whose house to go to, which side dishes to cook, and who to invite to the table, why not mix things up for 2019?

Just because Thanksgiving falls on the same fourth Thursday each November doesn’t mean you’re locked into the same holiday routine. If you’re stuck in a Turkey Day rut, try one of these alternate celebrations and enjoy the spirit of gratitude in a new way.

‘JUST US’ THANKSGIVING

TV shows love to draw up stories about devastated characters forced to spend Thanksgiving without their extended families, but really, what’s so bad about making Thanksgiving an intimate affair? Big, boisterous Thanksgivings with every uncle, cousin, and stepsister certainly have their downsides. Slaving over the stove is stressful, and bringing people from so many different walks of life together can cause heated arguments. Why not skip the drama this Thanksgiving and enjoy a romantic dinner with your significant other or a cozy meal with your spouse and kids? You can cook together at home or grab a table at a restaurant with a Turkey Day special to leave the stress of cooking behind entirely. In the end, you may be even more grateful for those you hold dear.

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FRIENDSGIVING

This gathering of friends rather than family has been a Thanksgiving option for decades, but in the last few years, rising popularity has given it a name: Friendsgiving. Some people think that the moniker dates back to a 2007 episode of the TV show “Friends,” while others credit Twitter users or a 2011 Bailey’s Irish Cream marketing campaign. Whatever its origins, The Atlantic says the informal, potluck-style meal gained real traction with 20- and 30-somethings in 2014 and has only gotten more popular since. Friendsgiving is a great option if you’re living far from home, don’t get along well with your family, or simply want to avoid the pressure holidays bring. For the best of both worlds, try adding a Friendsgiving to your Thanksgiving routine, either on the weekend before or the weekend after Turkey Day.

DESTINATION THANKSGIVING

Here’s a new way to solve the “Whose house should we eat at?” debate: Skip the houses



altogether and jet off to a hotel room instead. The destination Thanksgiving is a great way to take advantage of days off work, and they can bring families together on neutral territory. If you’re bringing the full crew, rent an Airbnb for everyone and have fun experimenting with Thanksgiving recipes that fit your new surroundings. If you go tropical, for example, MyRecipes.com offers an entire menu for “Thanksgiving at

the Beach.” Alternately, turning Thanksgiving into a family trip with your spouse and kids is a great way to completely avoid political discussions and best-pumpkin-pie debates. If anyone calls to ask where you are, just explain that you planned your trip months ago — then take another sip of your piña colada and show your kids how to make a turkey-shaped sandcastle.

CELEBRATING GIVING TUESDAY

Supporting the People You Believe In

November is usually all about Thanksgiving, but it isn’t the only holiday that encourages generosity. Giving Tuesday is a phenomenal celebration in which millions of people from across the globe are inspired to spend 24 hours giving back to the communities they love.

ORIGIN AND GOAL

Giving Tuesday is celebrated every year on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, and this year, the holiday lands on Dec. 3! It was established in 2012 by the United Nations Foundation and New York’s 92nd Street Y as a response to consumer-driven holidays like Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

The purpose of the holiday was to spread the spirit of giving, not only for the people in our nation but individuals across the world. The goal is “to create a massive wave of generosity that lasts well beyond that day and touches every person on the planet.”

TECHNOLOGY AT ITS BEST

Through the use of social media and technology, the organization hopes to encourage and spread generosity on a global scale using the



hashtag #GivingTuesday. The website states that “... technology and social media could be used to make generosity go viral; that people fundamentally want to give and talk about giving.” Through massive social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter, the individuals and companies participating in Giving Tuesday can spread their missions and messages all over the world, encouraging others to do the same.

HOW YOU CAN CELEBRATE

Now is the perfect opportunity to support your community and the causes you believe in. The best part of this holiday is that “giving” doesn’t just refer to donating money. People can give back by volunteering their time to help a nonprofit business, donating goods and food, or just buying a stranger some lunch. Even the smallest actions can have the biggest impact.

If you’re interested in participating in Giving Tuesday, get together with your friends, family, sports team members, or neighbors to brainstorm on how you can give back. To learn more about how you can participate, visit GivingTuesday.org.

NOT YOUR ORDINARY TURKEY SHOOT

The Crazy Case of Jacobs v. Kent

It began like any other hunting excursion. Neil Jacobs was walking softly through the bushes, looking for a spot to hunker down and watch for a flock of turkeys. The only problem was that someone beat him to that neck of the woods. James Kent had established a hunting spot for himself, and, when he heard rustling and gobbling in some nearby bushes and saw a flash of red, he took aim and fired.

Unfortunately, the movement in the bushes was not a turkey. Kent was horrified to find that he had shot Jacobs. Jacobs promptly moved for a partial summary judgment against Kent on the basis that he had failed to determine that Jacobs was not a turkey but, in fact, a human being. Kent cross-moved for summary judgment, saying Jacobs should have expected risks when he stepped into a popular hunting environment.

When their case came before the Supreme Court of the 4th District of New York, the courts denied both the motion and the cross-motion. They agreed that Jacobs had assumed the inherent risks of hunting — just not the risks it would be unreasonable to assume, like getting shot by another hunter who thought you were a turkey. Beyond that, the courts did not pronounce judgment because they did not have enough verifiable facts.

Jacobs asserted that turkey hunters should not shoot unless they can see the turkey and verify its gender. The court could not determine whether

Kent had failed to follow this rule when he shot Jacobs. They also could not determine whether the doctrine of primary assumption of risk, which Kent pointed to in his defense, was even applicable. The court also called into question whether Jacobs had also been negligent. Ultimately, the case didn't move forward.

Maybe next time, they should just try getting a turkey from the supermarket.



Take a Break!



AUTUMN
BLACK FRIDAY
FAMILY
GRATEFUL

HARVEST
PIE
POTATOES
STUFFING

THANKFUL
THANKSGIVING
TRADITION
TURKEY



Ingredients

- 2 slices sourdough bread
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 slices Swiss cheese
- 1/3 cup shredded leftover turkey
- 3 tbsp leftover cranberry sauce
- 1/3 cup leftover dressing or stuffing
- 2 tbsp leftover gravy
- 1 tbsp butter, room temperature

Note: Don't worry if you don't have all the leftovers required.

Directions:

1. Coat inside of each bread slice with mustard and a slice of cheese. Place turkey and cranberry sauce on one slice and dressing and gravy on the other.
2. Combine sandwich and spread butter on both sides.
3. In a panini maker or large skillet, grill until crispy and golden brown.
4. Slice and serve.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MICKEY!

How Much Do You Know About This Famous Mouse?

It's true what they say: Everything gets better with age. For 91 years, Mickey has brought laughter and joy to both children and adults all over the world. November is Mickey Mouse's birthday month, so let's celebrate with these fun facts about our favorite cartoon mouse.

A MOUSE BY ANY OTHER NAME ...

Walt Disney originally named the mouse "Mortimer," but his wife suggested "Mickey." Disney later introduced a character named Mortimer, who had little in common with Mickey besides a shared last name and romantic interest in Minnie Mouse.

THE MOST POPULAR WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

It's true; Mickey is the most popular write-in candidate during election season. As one Georgia election supervisor noted in 2012, "Mickey always gets votes. If he doesn't get votes in our election, it's a bad election." But he's not the only Disney character who gets unwavering support. According to a California election worker, "Donald Duck is a close second." So, if you're one of the many who believe Mickey Mouse would be an excellent U.S. president, you're not alone.

FIRST CARTOON CHARACTER TO SPEAK

Mickey Mouse was the first animated character to be given a voice. His first words, spoken by none other than Walt Disney himself, were "hot



dog," which soon became his catchphrase. Here's an even more fun fact: The third person to ever voice Mickey Mouse, Wayne Allwine, eventually married the voice actor of Minnie Mouse, Russi Taylor, after they met on the set of a Disney special.

A DISCO-DANCING FIEND

Mickey's 1979 disco album, "Mickey Mouse Disco," went double platinum in 1984, the first children's album to do so. The album included disco versions of Disney songs as well as "Disney-fied" versions of popular disco hits. If you ever want to hear what all the hype was about, you can still find this album on iTunes.

These are just some of many fun Mickey Mouse facts to develop over his legendary 91-year legacy. To celebrate Mickey's birthday on Nov. 18, find your favorite Mickey Mouse movie and watch it with the whole family!