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The Greek philosopher Heraclitus once said that "change is the only constant in life." That's pretty true for our firm right now.

At the end of August, receptionist Donnell Duncan was released to pursue other opportunities. He was replaced toward the end of September with Leonardo Estrada, who's been doing an amazing job keeping the phones running smoothly.

At the end of September, Kathryn Ringo, our office manager, left to pursue the next stage of her life's journey, and we wish her all the best. She's been replaced by Amber Engelking, who is returning to us after having left earlier in the year. And, to top it all off, we switched case management software while all of this was happening! At least Account Manager Melissa Hayes has stayed with us to help maintain SOME continuity.

I bring this up because a lot of the people we help in our work believe that the changes they're facing by being involved in the legal system are so daunting that nothing they do matters. A calm, steady perspective on how to best steer through the difficult times is invaluable, and that's a major thing you want in your legal representation. We remain ready to offer that perspective.



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.

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!



The Greatest American War Horse

THE LEGEND OF SERGEANT RECKLESS

Animals have acted as companions to humankind for thousands of years. They're a near-constant source of companionship, comfort, and aid. Unfortunately, military animals don't often get the recognition they deserve. One horse, in particular, was essential to the success of her regiment during the Korean War. Meet Sergeant Reckless.

Bought for \$250 in 1952 by a U.S. Marine Corps lieutenant at a Seoul racetrack, Sergeant Reckless was trained to carry ammunition for the 5th Marine Regiment. Her name was a play on the "recoilless" rifle ammunition she carried and a nod to the daredevil attitude of the soldiers who used them. Reckless was pivotal for her regiment in more ways than one. As Robin Hutton notes in her book "Sgt. Reckless: America's War Horse," "Because horses are 'herd' animals, the Marines became her herd. She bonded so deeply with them that Reckless would go anywhere and do anything to help her adopted family."

Sergeant Reckless' greatest achievement occurred during the final stages of the Battle for Outpost Vegas. During the bloody five-day campaign, Reckless made 51 trips to resupply guns over the course of a single day. By the end of the battle, she had carried 386 rounds of ammunition by walking 35 miles through rice paddies and mountain trails. After dropping off the ammunition, Reckless would then bring wounded soldiers back to safety. Reckless was trained to lie down when under fire and avoid barbed wire, and her ability to do so without needing human command saved many lives during the battle.

Reckless would close out her war career with two Purple Hearts and the rank of staff sergeant. She spent the rest of her years at Camp Pendleton in California. To learn more about this legendary mare, be sure to check out "Sgt. Reckless: America's War Horse" by Robin Hutton.

TAKE A BREAK!



AUTUMN
BLACK FRIDAY
FAMILY
GRATEFUL

HARVEST
PIE
POTATOES
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THANKFUL
THANKSGIVING
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LEFTOVER THANKSGIVING DOG TREATS

If the leftovers are your favorite part of Thanksgiving, then this recipe is for you! Show your dog how thankful you are for them with these post-feast dog treats.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup cooked sweet potatoes, plain and mashed
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 egg
- 2 cups cooked turkey, finely chopped
- 2 cups whole wheat flour

Directions

1. Heat oven to 350 F.
2. In a medium bowl, combine sweet potatoes, water, and egg. Add turkey and flour and stir again until dough is thick and sticky.
3. Use a rubber spreader to spread dough evenly on parchment-lined baking sheet, about 1/2-inch thick. Cut dough into small rectangles using a knife or pizza cutter.
4. Bake for 30 minutes, until the dog treats are lightly golden brown.
5. Remove from oven and let treats cool completely. Break treats apart along score lines.
6. Serve fresh or store in refrigerator for up to two weeks.



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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.

