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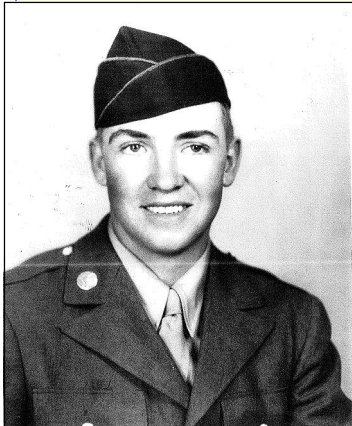
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*Thanksgiving marks a time when we all reflect on how blessed we really are. As a firm, we are grateful for our clients. Without them, we obviously wouldn't be here. Thank you to all of our present and former clients for placing your trust in us. We wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.*



November...what comes immediately to mind? Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving.. Well, in this issue we would like to salute a veteran near and dear to us, Ruth Ann's father-in-law, **Roney Hepler**. As a young man, Roney served in the United States Army and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, where he was captured by the Germans on December 19, 1944. He spent the next four months as a POW. Luckily, Mr. Hepler survived this ordeal and came home to lead a productive life, marrying, having two sons and working in the furniture business. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your service, Roney!

**“LIKE” US ON FACEBOOK AND BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD TO OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE!**

In these days of email, instant messages and social networking, we are trying to utilize the internet more to reach past, present and future clients. In an effort to do so we have recently launched a Facebook page for our firm. In a shameless bid to obtain more “Likes,” on our page we are putting the names of everyone who goes to our page and “Likes” us into a raffle. The Prize? A \$100 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse. To be eligible, you must “Like” the Sullivan & Hepler Facebook page by December 15 at 10:00 a.m. You can find our page by searching Facebook for “Sullivan & Hepler, Attorneys at Law.” You can also find a link to our Facebook page on the home page of our website [sullivanandhepler.com](http://sullivanandhepler.com). The link is on the bottom right of the page. Employees and relatives of employees are not eligible for the drawing. If you don't have a Facebook page and would like to get one, just call our office at 384-8808 and ask to speak with Jenny. She can help you set one up.

*Congratulations to last month's winner of the Jaguars tickets and Publix gift certificate, Mr. Thomas!*

## SULLIVAN'S CORNER

### **WHY DAVE, GARY AND ROZ CAN BE THE KISS OF DEATH TO A SUCCESSFUL ACCIDENT CLAIM**

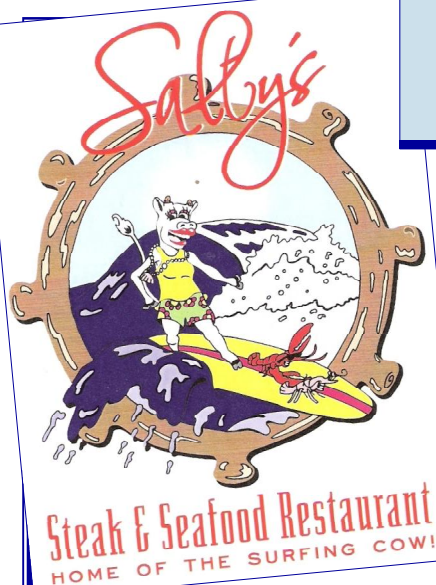
I went off on the Ask Gary and Ask Dave folks last month, with good reason. These organizations are not lawyers—they are “legal and medical referral groups.” “They will get you a lawyer who will get you a doctor.” What’s wrong with that? Let me tell you. The insurance company will find out that the lawyer and the doctor “work together.” What this typically means is that the lawyer has issued a “letter of protection” promising the doctor that he or she will be paid for providing treatment to the client from the settlement money when the case is resolved. A skilled insurance company lawyer sees nothing but a conspiracy among the doctor, the lawyer and the client to defraud the insurance company. A jury may not believe the doctor’s testimony because he or she has a direct financial interest in the case. This is no way to start a successful accident claim. It’s best to consult with a reputable lawyer from the start. That’s why if you need advice on a personal injury case or any legal matter, *Ask Mike!*

*A fun limerick  
from a devoted  
fan...*

*Sullivan & Hepler are a pair.  
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They will not break your bubble.  
They are good because they care!*

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## SPOTLIGHT ON SMALL BUSINESS: SALTY'S STEAK & SEAFOOD



We love to help promote local independent businesses! If you’re looking for old school great grub, it doesn’t get much better than Salty’s Steak & Seafood on Lane Avenue. A Westside institution for more than 21 years, it is owned and operated by Sharon Moran. Salty’s is known for its fresh seafood, juicy steaks, and especially its house salad that is made to order by your server while you watch! Lettuce and tomato and green onion all chopped and tossed together with a flavor like no other salad. The house dressing is nothing short of addictive. It’s so good that they now sell it by the bottle. Salty’s is located at 1965 Lane Ave. South, Jacksonville, FL 32210, phone number 904-781-3052. They are open

Sun– Thurs from 11am to 9pm, Fri & Sat from 11am to 10pm. Check out this great restaurant, and tell them Sullivan & Hepler sent you!

*Do you know of a small business you would like to see featured in a future edition of our “Spotlight on Small Business?” If so send an email to [theteam@sullivanandhepler.com](mailto:theteam@sullivanandhepler.com) with the details. \*The business must be registered with the Florida Dept. of Revenue to be featured.*

## GOOD NEWS YOU CAN USE!

### MEDICARE RECIPIENTS GET HELP WITH DRUG PLAN COST

Under a new law that went into effect this year, you might qualify for Extra Help with your Medicare prescription drug plan costs! The Social Security Administration has changed the rules to make it easier for some people to stretch their health care dollars. The Extra Help is estimated to be worth an average of \$3,900 per year. If you have Medicare coverage, you can call Social Security at (800)772-1213 or go online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) to find out whether you qualify for this program and if you do, enroll right away.

If you don't have Medicare, or if you don't qualify for Extra Help, but you're having trouble paying for the prescriptions you need, check out The Partnership for Prescription Assistance. This program helps qualifying patients without prescription drug coverage get the medicines they need through a program that is right for them. Many people can get their medications free or nearly free. Just call (888)477-2669 or go online at [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org).

### FROM THE DMV "FLORIDA VETS CONNECT"

Florida implemented the "Florida Vets Connect" initiative in July, a program designed to better recognize Florida's veterans and provide them with information about the benefits they may be entitled to collect. So far, nearly 30,000 Florida veterans have been contacted.

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles allows veterans to identify their veteran status when applying for or renewing a license or ID card. The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs then uses that contact information to make sure the vets know about the benefits to which they're entitled. Since the DHSMV is using existing computer systems, the new program doesn't cost the taxpayers any additional money.

According to the state, more than 1.6 million veterans live in Florida, but as of July, the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs only had accurate contact information for approximately 700,000. Nationwide, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Magazine reported more than \$22 billion in veterans' pension funds go unclaimed annually.

If you are a veteran but you're not registered with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, be sure to let the DHSMV know so that your name can be added to the database.

### Mike's Traditional French Vinaigrette Salad Dressing



While the risk of addiction to this salad dressing is much less than Salty's house dressing (see p. 2), it's still pretty tasty.

In a mixing bowl combine 2 TBS Dijon mustard and 2 TBS white vinegar (champagne vinegar is best). Slowly work in 6 TBS extra virgin olive oil. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Enjoy! *Mike*



November is a time when we give thanks for all of our blessings as we prepare for the December holidays. But the downturn in the economy means that many in our community are struggling this year. A job loss means a loss of income plus the loss of health insurance. The bills pile up, and sometimes people find themselves living with friends or relatives or even worse, homeless.

Unfortunately, the social service agencies that help people are suffering too — more people are asking for help, fewer people are making donations, and the funding sources are drying up. We heard recently that the food pantry at the St. Vincent de Paul Society on Park Street in Riverside had run completely out of supplies, so we want to make sure it gets restocked in time for the holidays. They are in need of any non-perishable food items, blankets, new socks, new underwear and toiletries such as soap and deodorant. If you would like to drop off any of these items at our office, we'll deliver them along with our own donations. You can be assured that your donation, no matter how small, will mean a lot to someone who needs a helping hand.

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## HELP US LEND A HELPING HAND

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