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FRAN'S CHOCOLATES

Love it or hate it, it's that time of year again. With the month of February comes Valentine's Day. Given what we've all been through in the last couple years, finding something to celebrate with your significant other is a good thing.

For some, Valentine's Day is an opportunity to show the ones they care about how much they mean to them. For others, like those who are single, it is a good reason to get together with other single friends and celebrate great friendships. And for some, it is simply just a great excuse to indulge in all the yummy Valentine's treats. However you decide to celebrate, or not celebrate, we have a few ideas of places to go or gifts to give.

These chocolates are exquisitely done and offer some very unique and delicious flavors, like Grey Salt & Smoked Salt caramels and Single Malt Whisky & Oolong Tea truffles, just to name a few. The chocolates come beautifully packaged and would be a hit with any chocolate lover.

COMEDY OF LOVE

If laughter be the food of love, then head to Unexpected Productions' Market Theater for Comedy of Love, a hilariously fun Valentine's Day improv show. Comedy of Love brings laughter to love on **2/14 at 8:00pm.** allevents.in/seattle/comedy-of-love-a-valentines-day-improv/10000237836664867.

SEAPLANE RIDE

See the city of Seattle in a new way. Picture a guided tour through the Seattle skyline via plane. It always amazes me how much I enjoy views from an airplane. This might just be the fun adventure you and your sweetie will remember for years! For more information, visit www.viator.com/tours/Seattle/Seaplane-Scenics-Land-Plane-Tour/d704-27183P2.

WINE TASTING

Woodinville is wine country in Western Washington. It is home to more than 130 wineries and tasting rooms, including several of the state's notable wineries, such as Chateau Ste. Michelle, Columbia Winery, Novelty Hill Januik, and DeLille Cellars. If there a Washington wine you like, there is likely a tasting room in Woodinville for you.

What Clients are Saying about the MML Team

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After the driver caused me to crash and suffer injuries I knew I needed an expert to advocate for me visa-vis their insurance company and also navigate the issues related to medical expenses and other damages. I can unconditionally recommend the professional services of Max Meyers Law PLLC for their skill and expertise in representing my best interests, and in answering all of my questions about how each step of the process worked and how it was progressing. Chapeau!

- A.M. Medina

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I would like to thank Max and Richard for a great job resolving my injury claim. They were a pleasure to work with and kept me informed as the claim progressed. I received a payment that was greater than I expected. Thank You!

- Warren Westgate

THANK YOU!

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

Before you leave, check websites to confirm events and get up-to-date information regarding Covid developments.

February 14 VALENTINE'S DAY

Don't forget to make dinner reservations for you and your special someone!!

February 26 MOTORCYCLE ICE RACING

Xtreme International Ice Racing makes a stop in Everett this winter. Motorcycle racing on ice doing 60 mph or more! Visit angelofthewindsarena.com/events/detail/x-tremeinternational-ice-racing for more details.

February 26 - March 6 SEATTLE HOME & GARDEN SHOW

Thinking about some home improvements either inside or outside? Then the Seattle Home & Garden Show is for you. For more information, visit seattlehomeshow.com.



DISTRACTED DRIVERS AND THE DANGERS TO PEDESTRIANS

A disturbing number of pedestrian deaths can be directly linked to driver distraction. Of the 6,200 fatalities reported in 2018, the CDC says at least 2,800 of those deaths involved a distracted driver. More than 400,000 pedestrians also suffered non-fatal injuries in distracted driving accidents that year. Let's discuss this problem in more detail, look at what pedestrians can do to be safer, and talk about what to do if you become a victim.

TYPES OF DISTRACTED DRIVING

The CDC identifies three categories of distracted driving; manual, visual, and cognitive.

- **Manual distractions** occur when the driver takes their hands off the wheel. Examples of manual distractions include texting, eating, drinking, grabbing paperwork, or petting an animal in the car.



- **Visual distractions** occur when the driver takes their eyes off the road. Examples may

include reading texts, looking at GPS directions, and looking at a passenger when speaking to them.

- **Cognitive distractions** occur when something takes the driver's mind off the road. Examples of cognitive distractions include talking on the phone (even hands-free), daydreaming, arguing with a passenger, etc.

Note that certain activities may involve more than one of these distractions, making them even more dangerous. Texting while driving, for example, involves all three types of distractions. Consequently, the vast majority of distracted driving accidents happen when a driver is using a mobile device.

THE INCREASED RISKS TO PEDESTRIANS

There are numerous studies that suggest that a distracted driver is at least as dangerous on the road as a drunk driver. But let's look past the statistics at the heart of the problem as to why pedestrians are at greater risk.

When the driver is not paying attention, it increases the chance of an accident occurring. And when the driver is also distracted by something inside the car, it creates another hazard for pedestrians because they cannot see what is happening in the car, nor can they anticipate what the driver will do.

Distracted driving accidents involving pedestrians can happen anywhere that pedestrians



and motorists share the space—at intersections, parking lots, alongside roadways, etc. The injuries suffered by pedestrians in these accidents can be catastrophic because they have virtually no protection from the mass of metal hurtling at them. They may suffer broken bones, internal injuries, internal organ damage, and traumatic brain injuries. Fatal accidents are also a possibility.

TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE

As a pedestrian, you face increased risks due to distracted driving. Here are some safety tips to help you minimize your chances of being injured in a distracted driving accident:

- **Avoid being distracted yourself.** Be aware of all vehicles around you every time you step into an intersection, parking lot, etc. Avoid texting, looking at your phone, or other distractions. The driver may not be aware of

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Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

PULLED PORK PASTRY PUFFS

Ingredients:

1 (17.3-oz) package puff pastry, defrosted	1 egg, beaten
3/4 pound pulled pork	1 Tbsp water
3/4 cup BBQ sauce	
1 cups shredded cheddar cheese	

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400F. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Set aside.

Unfold pastry sheets. Cut each sheet into 9 squares.

Toss pulled pork with BBQ sauce. Arrange pulled pork and cheese down center of the pastry squares.

Fold two opposite corners of each square over the filling and press edges to seal. Place on prepared baking sheet.

Combine egg and water. Brush each pastry with egg wash.

Bake 15-18 minutes, until golden brown. Serve warm or at room temperature. Enjoy!



Recipe and photo courtesy of plainchicken.com



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Where Accident Victims Get Help



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you, but you need to be aware of them.

- **Stay in the crosswalks.** Most pedestrian accidents occur when pedestrians are in unexpected places (e.g., crossing the road with no crosswalk). You're more likely to be noticed by drivers when you are in the places drivers expect to see you.
- **Make every effort to be seen.** Try to make eye contact with drivers. If they seem to be distracted, don't cross in front of them. If you can't catch their eye, assume they can't see you. If you are walking at night, wear reflective clothing to alert drivers of your presence.

WHAT TO DO IN A PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENT

If you are hit by a vehicle, take the following steps as you are able:

- Call 911 for emergency assistance.
- Get medical attention, even if your injuries appear minor. (There may be internal injuries you don't know about yet.)
- Get the driver's information—either at the scene (if you're able) or via a police report afterward.
- Contact a personal injury attorney. Many pedestrian injury accidents (if not most) involve some form of driver negligence. You

may be eligible to recover damages to cover your medical expenses, costs of recovery, lost wages (present and future), and pain and suffering.

At Max Meyers Law, we understand the legal dynamics of pedestrian injuries in Washington State. Contact our offices to schedule a free consultation, or call us at **425-276-7804**.



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