After losing an article of clothing from a dry cleaner, most would say “C’est la vie” and move on. At most, someone might leave a bad review and ask for a few dollars to cover the loss, but for one administrative law judge, that wasn’t enough. He decided instead to launch an all-out legal battle.

Roy Pearson, a Washington, D.C., judge at the time, sought $54 million to cover the loss of his pants after his dry cleaner lost them. He argued that the “satisfaction guaranteed” sign meant that the cleaners had to find the pants and, to their credit, found the judge’s trousers untarnished.

Unfortunately for the judge, the court found his position to be ridiculous and ordered him to pay the dry cleaner’s attorneys’ fees. In response, Pearson argued that he didn’t need to prove the pants were lost or damaged to satisfy his “satisfaction guaranteed” claim.

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In the end, Pearson did pay the dry cleaner’s legal fees, but the case isn’t the only thing he lost. The verdict also cost the judge his job and any semblance of professional dignity. Ten years after the case closed, the District of Columbia Board on Professional Responsibility sought a 90-day suspension. As the board put it, Pearson “failed to conduct an objective appraisal of the legal merits of his position. He made and continues to make arguments that no reasonable attorney would think had even a faint hope of success on the legal merits.”

Early in the year, however, we’ll be kicking off our annual scholarship program. Once again, we’ll be working with schools in our communities, namely Del Mar College and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. We’ll have all the details posted on our website and Facebook page.

This year, however, we’ll be looking at students who are pursuing legal studies. While we’re still putting together all the details, we may need a little extra help to buy equipment and jerseys for their teams. So, we thought we’d help out and bring a little extra to our outlying communities.

Family events can be tough — so we made it a goal to change that! We also made it a goal to work more with Little League teams, so we have some sponsorships in the works for a few rural teams. We recognize many teams in rural towns don’t have many of the resources afforded to bigger programs and schools. They often need a little extra help to buy equipment and jerseys for their teams. So, we thought we’d help out and bring a little extra to our outlying communities.

All in all, our No. 1 goal is to be better than we were last year. I think we’re off to a good start, and we’re excited to share everything we have planned in the coming months. We hope your year is off to a good start, and we wish you all the best in 2020.

— Greg Herrman
According to the New York Post, more than 55% of News Year's resolutions are among your targets for 2020. It's easy to set resolutions, but it's much harder to keep them. Luckily, we live in an age where high-tech tools are at our fingertips. Having a diet and exercise assistant in your pocket can do wonders for those with serious fitness goals and want to track their health-related, covering topics like macronutrients (macros) — carbohydrates, proteins, and fats.

**Até**
Até bills itself as a "visual, mindful, and non-judgmental" food tracking app. Unlike most options on the market, Até focuses on feelings rather than numbers. Instead of counting calories, its users snap photos of their meals and input why they ate — whether they were hungry, stressed, or socializing — and how the meal made them feel. It's an ideal strategy for those worried that too much data could trigger an obsession or disordered eating.

Once you find a food tracking app you like, try pairing it with other tools that can help you meet your goals. Whether you need help shopping for healthier foods, making smart choices when eating out, or finding nutritious recipes with ingredients you have at home, there's an app for that. Just pull up your phone's app store and start searching!

**Unique Food Tracking Apps to Check Out in 2020**

**My Macros+**
Developed by weightlifters, this app is tailor-made for people who have serious fitness goals and want to track their macronutrients (macros) — carbohydrates, proteins, and fats.

**8 More Legal Words to Know**

- **Prayer for relief:** A portion of the complaint in which the plaintiff describes the remedies that the plaintiff seeks from the court.
- **Tort:** A civil wrong that unfairly causes someone else to suffer loss or harm resulting in legal liability for the person who commits a tortious act, called a tortfeasor.

This list is by no means comprehensive, but it's always good to know what various terms mean. If a term you aren't familiar with ever pops up in conversation or correspondence with your attorney or a legal assistant, always feel free to ask what it means. We're more than happy to make sure you have the answer so you can remain completely up to date and informed on any case you may be involved in.

**Simple Pancakes From Scratch**

Everyone should be able to make pancakes without a boxed mix. This recipe is no-frills fantastic and can probably be made without so much as a trip to the grocery store.

**INGREDIENTS**
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp sugar, optional
- 2 eggs
- 1 3/4 cups milk
- Unsalted butter or canola oil, to grease skillet

**DIRECTIONS**
1. Heat a griddle or skillet to medium-low.
2. In a mixing bowl, combine dry ingredients (including sugar if you like) and milk until flour is moistened. Clumps are fine.
3. Add some butter or oil to the skillet. If the butter foams or oil shimmers, the temperature is correct. Pour in a pancake of any size, cooking until bubbles form, about 2–4 minutes.
4. Flip and cook other side for 2–4 minutes. Serve warm.