

## HOT-BUTTON ISSUES

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## HOOK, LINE, AND SINKER

## MY EARLY ATTEMPTS AT FISHING

When I was 3, my sister gave me my first fishing pole and tackle box. Well, technically, it was my parents who gave me these gifts. They'd been given strict instructions by other family members and friends upon the arrival of my sister: "Make sure your newborn gives your son a gift!" I think the tradition is supposed to ward off any jealousy a child might feel toward their new sibling.

Regardless of whom the fishing pole was really from, it worked. Instead of worrying about the attention my parents were giving my new sister, I was busy learning to fish. We lived in the country and had a pond in our backyard. So, day after day, I would run out to the water and try out my new fishing pole, taking our Doberman, Missy, with me for company.

Missy loved to chase my line into the water, and I kept noticing she always grabbed the lure. I often got frustrated that she was messing with my well-placed line. How I was I going to catch anything when Missy rumpled my bait and scared away all the fish? My parents would look on and laugh at the ridiculous sight of us.

It wasn't until a few years ago when we were watching home videos that they admitted the truth. There were no fish in that pond! During all those excursions out back to "fish," I was really just dipping my line into fishless, murky water. There was also a reason Missy never got snagged on my lure when she grabbed it — there was no hook on the end. My parents didn't want me to hurt myself, so they didn't place any hooks on my line.

Despite the hoax, I still think fondly of my early days "fishing." We moved out of the country a few years later, and then we were close to a canal that had real, live fish. I fished every single day until I left for college. That tackle box and fishing pole turned out to be one of the most instrumental gifts I ever received. Thanks to my sister — and really, my parents — a lifelong passion was born.

Fishing is now a chance for me to enjoy a peaceful afternoon away from the rest of the world. Even if I sit by the water all day and only



catch one fish, I'm satisfied. It's peaceful. For my dad, not so much. If he hasn't caught anything after 15 minutes, he gets frustrated and starts fishing for snacks in the cooler. I guess my parents' pond prank did serve more than one purpose. Maybe that's where patience comes from: fishing in a fishless pond.

As for my sister? I still have the tackle box she gave me, and we are closer than ever. It just goes to show that you never know what's at the end of a line.

*-Russell Button*

# THE 3 BEST WAYS TO PLAY HOOKY WITH YOUR CHILD



When Gary Chapman's book "The Five Love Languages" came out, many people focused on building better relationships with their spouses. But just as words of affirmation, acts of service, touch, gifts, and quality time can help your marriage, these concepts can also help your relationship with your children. One way to show our children how much we love them is to spend quality time with them. And what better way to do that than to break them out of school to play some hooky?

## BASEBALL

Sharing your love of sports can be a fun way to bond with your child. While day games might not be as common as they used to be, most teams will have at least a few of them each month. These tickets are usually cheaper and often come with promotions to help draw in fans. While most everyone else will be at work or school, you and your child will have free reign of the ballpark. Just be sure to root for the home team!

## THE ZOO

The zoo is a great place to educate your child outside of school. They can play hooky and still learn something. Many exhibits will provide information about the animals, their habitats, and conservation efforts. At the very least, your child might encounter an animal they've never heard of before.

## FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

While classics like Skee-Ball and Pop-A-Shot may be harder to find, there are still plenty of exciting activities for you and your child to participate in. Hit up the arcade, peel out in the go-karts, or test out your putt-putt game over 18 holes. There's an activity for all ages at these fun zones, so you and your child will always have something to choose from.

Families often get so wrapped up in the activities of daily life and the chaos that accompanies it that fun is forgotten. What if kids were able to detach from the expectations of accomplishment placed on them in school and extracurricular activities and just focus on having a blast one day with Mom and Dad? Who knows — maybe by playing some hooky with your child, you'll find the kid in you!

# A DRUNK DRIVER'S CHOICE

## And What It Cost Him



A few years ago, a woman was involved in a pretty bad accident. She had been riding in the passenger seat when her car was hit by a drunk driver. Not only did the other driver run a red light, but afterward, he tried to switch seats with his girlfriend in the passenger seat. It was later discovered that his BAC was at .262, which is more than three times the legal limit.

hips were out of alignment and she suffered complications during pregnancy. The baby was successfully born, but not without the mother experiencing significant mental anguish.

The drunk driver's insurance company offered the victim a couple hundred dollars for her to settle. After The Button Law Firm got involved, though, a lawsuit was filed in order to get full value for all the damages caused to the client. Depositions were taken to finally get the drunk driver to admit that he was at fault and should be held responsible. The woman was fully supported and empowered through the firm with days of witness preparation, and as a result, she was a superstar who stood up to the defense.

In the end, the case was resolved for over 10 times the initial offer. The drunk driver's insurance company learned that drunk drivers should not be rewarded for their conduct in Dallas County, Texas.

To make matters worse, the victim was pregnant. Fearing that something may have happened, she rushed to the emergency room that night. She was fine; however, the doctor recommended she visit a chiropractor for several appointments to ensure everything was in perfect working order. Unfortunately, she was unable to go to treatment for a while due to other family obligations. As a result, her

The Button Law Firm knows that drunk drivers are out on the roads, and we make it a constant mission to hold them accountable for their actions. The criminal justice system serves its purpose, but it leaves the victims without any financial help for the damages they have to live with the rest of their lives. That is where we can help you. Call us today at 214-888-2216.



# WELCOME OUR AMAZING PARALEGAL, ROSIE!

When we were hiring for a paralegal and met Rosie, we knew right away that she was going to be a great fit. Her heart for people was clear from the beginning. In her first client meeting, we saw a firsthand example of her passion for helping others.

During Rosie's second week here, a client who had been severely injured due to a workplace injury came to our office. He started crying, telling us how much he appreciated what we were doing for him. Afterward, Rosie was affected emotionally. We knew that she understood our reason for being here: People need our help. That's exactly why we work so hard.

Rosie put it best when she said, "With personal injury, you are able to help people going through difficult times in their lives. I'm very glad to be here with Russell and the team, because I want to be able to help people."

In addition to her compassion, Rosie has already been a huge help to clients. As our only team member who is fluent in Spanish, she provides a much-needed service to many of our clients. Her skill has already been appreciated. During her very first week, a client came in who only speaks Spanish, and she was able to help

interpret for him.

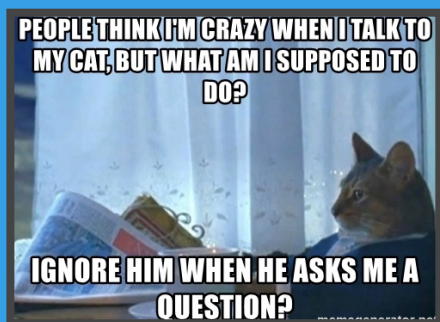
After finishing paralegal school, Rosie planned to go into family or immigration law, but as often happens, life took her in another direction. "In paralegal school, I was sure I wanted to work for a family law or immigration law firm," says Rosie. "When I got my first job, I was placed in the personal injury department, and I've loved it ever since."



Outside of work, Rosie enjoys spending time with family and friends. On Sundays, she gets together with her siblings, parents, and the rest of the family to enjoy the day and hang out with one another.

Welcome to the team, Rosie! We are so glad to have you here.

## MEMES



### ROASTED ASPARAGUS WITH LEMON BREADCRUMBS



Spring is the height of asparagus season. This dish, which features the crunch of breadcrumbs and a refreshing splash of lemon, is the perfect way to highlight the natural flavors of the vegetable without overwhelming them.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds asparagus
- 1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- 2 teaspoons lemon zest
- Juice of one lemon (not packaged lemon juice)

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oven to 425 F. Toss asparagus with 2 tablespoons olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place on baking sheet and bake for 20–26 minutes, turning asparagus halfway through.
2. When asparagus is nearly done, heat remaining olive oil in a small skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute. Add breadcrumbs and cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from heat and fold in parsley and lemon zest.
3. Transfer asparagus to serving platter, drizzle with lemon juice, and top with breadcrumb mixture.

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## WHERE TO FIND THE BEST HOMEMADE FROZEN CUSTARD FROM THE GREAT DEPRESSION TO A LUNCHTIME STAPLE

If you're looking for a place to get lunch in DFW, you don't need to go far. In addition to being the entertainment district, Deep Ellum is also home to Wild About Harry's. Stop by the Hall Street or Knox Street location to enjoy a great meal and the classic feel of an earlier time.



Since opening, Wild About Harry's has been a gathering place for north Texans. Fun decor, tasty treats, and traditional, down-home vibes make it easy to see why.

Between his mother's recipe for creamy frozen custard and the 10 variations of their award-winning hot dog, Harry Coley's spin on classic treats make the restaurant a Dallas lunchtime staple.

How that delicious custard recipe came to be is quite the story. Harry was born just north of Texas toward the end of the Great Depression. While Dust Bowl workers toiled in the heat trying to get crops to grow, Harry's mom, Sarah Frances, often made her homemade custard to offer sweet relief from the fields. It was an instant hit with everyone who tasted it. Harry recalls it as a "little bowl of heaven."

Drawing on his memories of the delicious frozen custard, Harry recreated her recipe, and Wild About Harry's was born. With over 50 flavors, there's sure to be one that tickles your fancy.



And the custard is just the sweet finish after a tasty lunch. The lunchtime offerings, from hot dogs to sandwiches made with Texas toast, will leave your taste buds and stomach satisfied. In their city guide, AOL named Harry's beef brisket hot dog the best. You can choose from 10 variations, including Texas-style and Chicago-style.

Go to Harry's for the award-winning hot dogs; stay for the house-made frozen custard.