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## STARTING SUMMER RIGHT

### WHAT WE'RE DOING IN MAY

May is a busy month here at Herrman and Herrman. The month kicked off with our 2nd Annual Cinco de Mayo fiesta, which will have come and gone by the time you read this. It's always a wonderful day with plenty of food and fun, and this year we included a food drive to benefit The Food Bank of Corpus Christi. As part of the festivities, we brought in a dunk tank for "Dunk Your Attorney." Hit the bullseye with the baseball, and, well, you know what happens next! We also brought in a mariachi band to set the mood and had a bounce house for the kids. We're already excited for next year's event.

On Saturday, May 13, the fun continues with Lemonade Day McAllen. We're sponsoring the event which is put on by the McAllen Chamber of Commerce. It's a great event that teaches kids all about entrepreneurship. Not only do kids get to set up their own lemonade stand, but they also will learn how to brand their business, including setting up a website and developing a standout menu. In short, this isn't your father's lemonade stand.

Of course, the day after Lemonade Day McAllen is May's other big holiday: Mother's Day! We'll be giving away a special spa package through our social media channels, so if you aren't already subscribed or haven't liked our Facebook page, you may want to get on that. The giveaway will also be tied into Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, which we'll be focusing on throughout May. Locally, and around the country, more people ride motorcycles starting in May and through the summer. Because more people are out on the motorcycles, statistically more people are injured and killed on motorcycles during the summer months.

It's a tragic reality, but it's always worth the reminder. So many motorcycles accidents (usually with cars and trucks) can be prevented through awareness. Save lives by looking

both ways before moving through an intersection, and check and double check before changing lanes, passing, or merging. Blind spots are particularly deadly. Never make assumptions when you're on the road, either as a motorcyclist or motorist. Visually confirm every move you make, and then confirm it again.



Later this month, in honor of Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 20, we will be sponsoring the Beach to Bay Marathon in Corpus Christi. The marathon, a 26.2-mile relay race, is one of the largest relay races in the country. It starts on North Padre Island and works its way through Naval Air Station Corpus Christi before ending in Cole Park. At six legs, it's great for both families and teams, but if you're a solo runner and you want to participate, event coordinators will help you out. You can find more information at the Beach to Bay website at [beachtobayrelay.com](http://beachtobayrelay.com).

Once we move into June, keep your eyes on our social media pages. We have a few more giveaways planned for next month, including tickets to Schlitterbahn and a Father's Day grill package. You could say we'll be kicking off summer in style. I hope to see you soon, and I hope you're have a great start to your summer.

*- Gregory Herrman*

## SAVE THE BEES

POPULATIONS ARE DECREASING, BUT YOU CAN HELP!



Spring is officially here. The grass is green again, trees have regrown their leaves, and flowers are emerging from the earth. Busy bees are ready to pollinate the new blossoms, but sadly, the rusty patched bumble bee may not be around to pollinate much longer.

The rusty patched bumble bee is one of 47 species of bee native to North America. These bees are "buzz pollinators," which means they cling tightly to a flower and vibrate their flight muscles to collect pollen. In this way, the bees pollinate blueberries, cranberries, clover, and tomatoes.

Once ranging from North Dakota to Maine and Quebec and as far south as Georgia, the bee's population has declined by 87 percent since the 1990s. Experts now consider the rusty patched bumble bee to be on the brink of extinction. President Obama made the rusty patched bumble bee a priority by placing it on the endangered species list in January.

The reasons for the bee's decline are not fully understood, but it is hypothesized that habitat loss, diseases, parasites, pesticides, pollution, and climate change may have something to do with it.

Not all hope is lost. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has some suggestions for stopping the bee's decline. Individuals can plant native flowers, limit their use of pesticides, and avoid cutting grass and garden plants after summer to provide a habitat for bees during the winter. This, along with the critically endangered species status, may prevent the bee from extinction, and even increase future populations.

# TREAT YOURSELF ON THE CHEAP

## FRUGALITY DOESN'T HAVE TO MEAN DEPRIVATION

Frugality might seem like a death sentence for fun, but if you're creative, it's more than doable to have a great time and still live well within your means.

### STAY IN

Usually, activities you do "out" will cost significantly more than the same thing done at home (such as watching a movie on your couch instead of at the theater or cooking a great dinner instead of going out to eat). It's always more fun if you can turn home cooking into a game, like starting with a few leftover ingredients and seeing what amazing new dish you can come up with. And here's a bonus – if you do date night at home, 90 percent of the time, you'll still be able to splurge on the occasional night out.

### CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY

If you're not in the habit of using the library for recreation, you're missing out on a great opportunity. Check out entire seasons of popular TV shows and cut cable and TV streaming packages from the budget. The library also has a great selection of movies, books, audiobooks, video games, and CDs. Best of all, everything's free!

### RENT, DON'T OWN

What about owning cool stuff? Well, even if you can't afford to buy everything you want brand-new, it's easier than ever to borrow and share. There's a totally free online platform called Peerby that connects people who want to borrow and lend items, including everything from power tools to folding chairs. Want to throw a party but can't afford all the decor and seating? Someone on Peerby has you covered. Never again let a lack of ownership keep you from doing the things that make you happy!

The point is, you really *can* have an amazing life without spending a ton of money. So get out there, save, and have fun!



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TESTIMONIALS

DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT!

"The Santa Fe Sharks U-14 girls soccer team would like to thank the Herrman and Herrman law firm for their generous sponsorship this spring season. One thing we can say is that Mr. Herrman is an honorable role model and man of his word. He is always willing to go above and beyond to help out those in need. Thank you for your support, and we definitely recommend this law firm."

– Matt S.

"I was in a wreck and hired this law firm for representation. I must say, they were amazing, quick, and very honest. I'm thankful for their professionalism and their services. Silvia and Sandy were always available and willing to answer any questions."

– Maria G.



## HERRMAN AND HERRMAN IS SPONSORING THE BEACH TO BAY RUN

SATURDAY MAY 20, 2017  
7 A.M. CST



Register to run at  
[beachtobayrelay.com](http://beachtobayrelay.com)



## THE FOURTH FATAL MISTAKE DON'T RUIN YOUR TEXAS AUTO ACCIDENT CASE

This month is all about the **fourth fatal mistake**: Delaying or refusing to hire a lawyer when your injuries are serious. To recap, the first three fatal mistakes are:

1. Failing to call the police and not getting enough information at the scene.
2. Waiting several days or weeks to get medical care, and failing to follow up with appointments or having gaps in treatment.
3. Giving too much information to the at-fault driver's insurance company.

When it comes to the fourth fatal mistake, here's what you need to know: If an accident appears serious enough, insurance companies send claims adjusters to the scene of the accident. Big trucking companies also employ people whose sole job is to investigate accidents.

They take photographs of the scene, traffic control devices, lights, signs, skid marks, yaw marks, gouges in pavement, debris, vehicles, as well as witnesses and the parties involved. Then they interview the parties,

witnesses, law enforcement, bystanders, and may even obtain cellphone records.

Sometimes they may collect evidence from the scene and download information from the vehicle's electrical control module (ECM), or "black box." This stores data about the speed before the crash, when braking occurred, and how long it lasted.

The adjusters are as thorough as possible and do all of this unbeknownst to you. They are not working on your behalf. If you haven't hired a good personal injury lawyer, no one is.

After their investigation, the insurance or trucking companies don't have to turn over their information to you. They usually won't without a court order. On occasion, this evidence "can't be found." Some insurance companies may hire lawyers to supervise the collection of evidence and then call it "attorney work product," or claim attorney-client privilege, so they don't have to give anything to you.

You don't want to be left in the dark. This is when having a skilled, knowledgeable personal injury lawyer on your side, collecting evidence, can make the difference. A lawyer can spot potential problems or anticipate defenses early in the claim process and help you minimize them, if not avoid them altogether.



## MARVELOUS MACARONI SALAD

### INGREDIENTS

#### Dressing

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 tablespoon mustard
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

#### Salad

- ½ pound macaroni, cooked, drained, and cooled
- 1 cup sliced celery
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- ½ cup chopped red pepper
- ½ cup chopped green onion

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mix together dressing ingredients.
2. Mix together salad ingredients.
3. Mix dressing and salad together. Chill before serving.
4. Enjoy!

Recipe inspired by Food.com.

## MEMES

