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A FUN TWIST ON THE HOLIDAYS! HOW TO CELEBRATE ON SUPER-LOCKDOWN

When it comes to celebrating the holidays this year, Nicole and I have had to think outside the box. In our June newsletter, I wrote about how Nicole caught COVID-19 during the last week of February. She has recovered and is doing well but, she still suffers from some of the effects of the virus that “long haul Covid” patients are experiencing. This has led us to be extra careful when we have to leave the house. With the holiday season upon us, we’re also thinking of ways we can stay safe while enjoying the festivities. Nicole, the mastermind of creativity, has created several spectacular ways to entertain the kids!

For Halloween, Nicole came up with an awesome idea for the kids to have plenty of fun. Instead of going trick-or-treating, she decided to combine a tradition from another holiday into this one: Easter egg hunting! Nicole put together an assortment of orange and black eggs, filled them with the kids’ favorite candy and other spooky Halloween surprises, then hid them all over the yard. The kids loved searching for and finding them and then eating the treats inside. Nicole put fake eyeballs and fingers inside the eggs too – Finn, in particular, loved the fake fingers.

In fact, the kids loved this new Halloween egg hunt so much, it’s going to be the start of a new tradition for the Barnett family. I know that by the time Halloween comes around next year, Finn and Harlow are going to be asking us when they can start hunting for the Halloween eggs again. Nicole and I will be ready to put on another fun-filled Halloween.

Combining two holiday traditions we love into one really created something special and made us excited for the holidays to come. We’re carrying that creativity into Thanksgiving and looking forward to Christmas too.

For Thanksgiving, we set up our television so we could FaceTime family on the big screen. This is such a cool way to have family calls! The call feels far more personal because we get to sit on the couch and have a conversation with them as a family, which is hard to do on a phone or iPad. It also allows for longer conversations too. If someone needs to get up for a second to get a drink of water, they don’t have to worry about passing the phone to someone else or putting it down. A televised family call is a cool way to stay connected and celebrate with everyone, even if we can’t be together in person.

As for Christmas, Nicole and I are thinking about combining both our Halloween and Thanksgiving traditions. We’re definitely going to have time to call up our family on the television again to spend Christmas with them. We also do an advent chain every year: each loop has a different activity on it like, “Drink hot cocoa today!” or “Walk around the neighborhood and see the Christmas lights.” In addition to that, we may also set up a scavenger hunt in the house and yard for the kids; I might have to wait

We are skipping some of our usual traditions this year, like visiting Santa and the giant Christmas tree, but we are still planning on having a memorable and cozy holiday with the kids.



and see what creative plan Nicole thinks of next. In the meantime, however, the whole family is putting in a lot of effort to decorate the house inside and out.

Even though we’re on super-lockdown, Nicole, Finn, Harlow, and I are making the best of things and having a blast! If you’re having a hard time thinking of ways to celebrate the holidays this year, it might be cool to try and combine two traditions from different holidays and see what you come up with. You never know, you might invent a new family tradition to celebrate for years to come!

–Case Barnett



CREATING THE PERFECT SNOWBALL FIGHT

With No Snow at All

An old-fashioned snowball fight is the epitome of winter activities. But if snowfall is lacking or it's just too cold to venture outside and hurl freezing balls of ice at each other, don't let it dampen your spirits. You can create and orchestrate your own indoor, snow-free, and entirely safe snowball fight.

Make Your Snowballs

While craft stores sell large white cotton puffs that look like snowballs, they're too light to get any good velocity behind them. Instead, make your own "snowballs" with just a few materials in four easy steps:

1. You'll need a pair of scissors, several pairs of cheap white nylon stockings (one pair can make about 10 snowballs), and a bag of polyester fiberfill, like Poly-Fil, or use the stuffing from a few old stuffed animals you no longer want.
2. Stuff a handful of the filling down into the end of one stocking leg and tie a knot, creating a round "snowball."
3. Make another knot after the one you just made, leaving a little space between the two knots.
4. Cut between the two knots to snip off a tied-off snowball. Repeat these steps until



you have at least a few dozen, but if you're patient enough to make 100 or more, you'll have ample supply for a substantial encounter.

How to Play

There's really no "right" way to have a snowball fight. It's often just about who can hit whom the most, but if you want to turn it into a measurable competition, divide your group into two teams and distribute the snowballs evenly between them. Then create boundaries for each team by laying down masking tape across the room. Teams must stay on their side of the line at all times. Set a timer for however long you'd like the fight to go on, and at your signal, teams can start hurling snowballs across the room at one another. When time is up, gather and count the snowballs on each side, and the team with the fewest snowballs is the winner!

A crafty indoor snowball fight can be a lot of fun for people of all ages, not just kids. Best of all, the crafting part is something you only have to do once, and then you have a stock of snowballs for every winter to come.

OUR CLIENTS SAY IT BEST

"A couple years ago, I got a career-ending injury to my leg and back that put me into a hospital. Not knowing any lawyers, I started cold-calling attorneys that you see advertising on TV. One by one, I told them my story, and one by one, they declined to represent me. My situation was apparently more intricate than the usual car and motorcycle cases they take on. What I thought was going to be routine started to become a panic situation. I stopped making calls that night.

By sheer luck, the next day I was told that a niece of mine, through marriage, used to work at a law firm in Costa Mesa, and I was given Case Barnett's phone number. Long story short, they accepted my case, and Mr. Barnett himself, knowing my immobility at the time, came to my house to meet me. We talked for an hour, and when he left, all the panic I was experiencing also left. From that point on, I never stopped feeling that I was in very honest and capable hands.

They went beyond being just lawyers — they set up and scheduled Ubers for my different appointments. Ryan, one of the lawyers, bought and delivered a cellphone charger to me at the hospital after I came out of surgery. They sent their paralegals to my home

to deliver forms and picked up my mail and threw out my garbage because I couldn't physically walk to my mailbox or trash. These are caring people that happen to be very good at what they do.

Case Barnett Law took very good care of me, not just legally, which they did, but also on a personal human level. Dena Wiess, a top lawyer involved in my case, is one of the most dynamic individuals you will ever meet. Her endless energy and positivity never failed to lift me up. Finally, let me say, Case Barnett is a conscientious professional, and everyone that I have met or talked to there reflects that. I am sure Case would not want this next bit advertised so I won't. I'll just say this, in order to get the negotiations complete and make me happy, he stepped up.

I literally put my life in the hands of complete strangers when I was literally broken with no chance of going back to my job. They came through for me. My life from here on out has a fresh new beginning thanks to the people at Case Barnett. I mean that 100%. I have no doubt they will do the same for you."

-John F.

TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:**RACHELLE STALEY****Connecting With and Caring for Our Clients**

This month, we're highlighting Rachelle Staley, our dedicated managing attorney. Rachelle has been in the legal field for over a decade, being a voice and advocate for the people living and working in California. Today, she works closely with her brother-in-law, Case Barnett, and her sister, Nicole Barnett, right here at Case Barnett Law.

She has been a licensed member of the California Bar Association for 14 years, starting after she graduated from UC Hastings College of the Law in 2004. Since then, she established a solo practice where she focused on employment and

labor law, worked for an employer defense firm, and negotiated hundreds of employment settlements for plaintiffs at another firm. These experiences give her the unique skill set to successfully resolve workplace disputes at Case Barnett Law.

As a managing attorney at our firm, it's up to Rachelle to take care of not just our firms' needs but also our clients. Rachelle is responsible for ensuring our cases move at an appropriate speed and that clients are taken care of as they go through the many processes required for their cases. Her individual characteristics are what make her the perfect person for this position.

Rachelle is intelligent, passionate, and resilient, and she has the ability to connect with every person she meets. This is an essential trait to have, especially in the field of law. People come to our firm, more often than not, in one of the most challenging and difficult moments in their lives. Rachelle can relate to our clients and people experiencing these moments on a level that people aren't accustomed to. This intuitive quality is what gives Rachelle the ability to connect with our clients and what drives her to do everything she can to ensure they feel loved and cared for by our team and firm.

There is no one we'd rather have leading the charge in our cases and caring for our clients than Rachelle.

**FESTIVE APPLE CIDER**

Inspired by BoulderLocavore.com

If you're cutting back on calories, skip the eggnog and buttered rum this year and fill up your mug with this delicious mulled cider!

Ingredients

- 1 lemon
- 1 gallon pure apple cider
- 1 large orange, thinly sliced crosswise
- 2 tsp whole cloves
- 2 tsp allspice berries
- 1 inch fresh ginger, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp honey
- 3 cinnamon sticks

Directions

1. Using a paring knife, shave the lemon peel off in curls. Reserve the curls and save the lemon for use in a different recipe.
2. In a large slow cooker, combine the lemon peel with all other ingredients. Cook on low for 3-4 hours.
3. If desired, use a sieve to strain the spices. Serve and enjoy!

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2 Big Wins for 2 Amazing Clients



The clients we meet and help are truly remarkable people who find themselves in difficult circumstances. It's up to us to help them through the challenges they face and give them a voice to fight back against negligence. Here's are the stories of two wonderful clients we've recently helped.

Case Type: Premises Liability
Settlement Amount: \$800,000

In this case, our client lived in an apartment complex with a pool, which was undergoing maintenance. The pool had been drained and remained so for quite some time. Unfortunately, the staff at the apartment

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complex didn't take into account what a safety hazard the large empty pool was.

One night, our client was walking through the complex to drop off his monthly rent check when he fell into the pool and broke his leg. Our client began to search for someone to represent him, but the case was passed up by many firms. However, when we heard his plea for help, we were compelled by his story and wanted to ensure he received compensation for such a serious injury.

Our team litigated the case and settled it for \$800,000.

Settlement Amount: \$1,000,000
To brighten up his backyard, our client purchased a small, decorative fire pot. As he was using it one day, it exploded and balls of fire came out. He suffered from third-degree burns on the back of his legs, which, even when healed will have long-lasting

repercussions. We were moved when we heard this client's story. He is an amazingly strong human who suffered so much because of these injuries, yet overcame them.

When we took his case, our team traced the sale of the fire pot and the liquid lighter fluid the client used. We brought suits against the store that sold the fire pot and the manufacturers of both the fire pot and lighter fluid. In doing so, we discovered that the fire pot manufacturer had gone out of business. Even so, we made sure the two other defendants paid \$1 million in total to settle the case.

Helping good people who have suffered from terrible injuries caused by another person's or company's negligence is what our team at Case Barnett Law does every day. If you know someone who has been injured unjustly, we can help. Call our firm at 949-565-2993 today.