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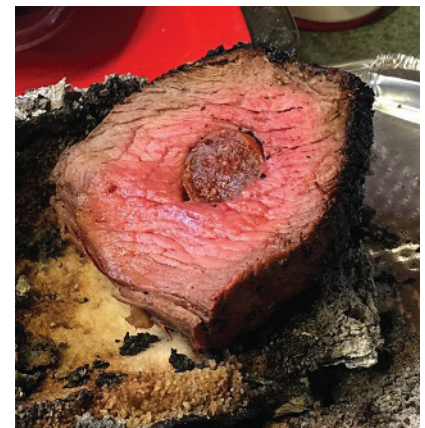
We'll Get You Through It



From the Captain's Log Uncle Paul's Roast

Having traditions makes the holidays fun, and this following tradition comes from my Uncle Paul, I have no idea where he found it – but it's a blast to make and eat. You'll need a large beef roast, it can be a top, bottom, or eye round. Having used them all- with equal success, don't bother for an expensive cut as the cooking process, not the cut, is what gives the end result. Size for a ½ lb per person, a 5 – 10 lb. roast is usually perfect. You'll also need one large stick of sausage, pepperoni, linguica, or kielbasa – whatever your taste buds desire as its flavor will infuse into the roast. You'll need Kosher salt (lots), wax paper, plain brown wrapping paper, twine, good whiskey, and a hot fire or fireplace – an indoor fireplace works best as the bricks throw off radiant heat, but an outside fire will do, if it is roaring.

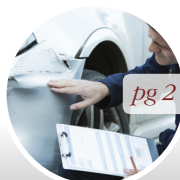
Take a sharp knife and slice a hole sideways thru the center of the roast, and insert the sausage thru this hole, so the sausage barely sticks out both ends, cut off any excess. Then lay out enough wax paper on a flat surface to be able to totally envelope the whole roast 2 times-don't skimp. You then make up a mix of Kosher Salt and water, just enough so it is wet enough to mold like putty, but not too wet that it runs. The whole family can participate, the more hands the easier. With the wax paper on your flat surface- place a bed of salt mixture in the center, slightly bigger than the footprint of your roast and about ¼ thick; then place the roast on this bed. Next pat enough salt mixture around the sides and top of the roast to envelope and make a cocoon ¼" thick, gently pulling the wax paper up and around the roast as you go helps keep the salt mixture in place. Now wrap the whole thing a 2nd time with wax paper. Next wrap and envelope all of this with your brown wrapping paper times 2, and use twine to tie it all together, but not too tight, just snug. Then with a shot of whiskey for courage, throw the whole thing right into the roaring fire- yup no grates or pans or it won't work. The hotter the coals the better as the brown paper will quickly ignite and scorch the wax paper, which itself will scorch thru to the salt, which will itself crystalize and bond to make a hard encasement entirely around the roast-and within this cozy cocoon it will cook. Depending on the heat of the fire, and size of the roast, this will cook in 15-60 minutes so have an instant meat thermometer ready and find a crease or hole thru the salt shell to carefully check the temp, when it starts to register at all carefully turn the roast 1-time- and only 1-time. When the internal temp then reaches 115° grab gently with gloves, or lift out with a small shovel to not break the shell, and set the whole thing aside for 15 minutes while having another whiskey -and then break the salt shell and remove the roast and slice.



You'll thank Uncle Paul. •



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Obtaining Compensation Following a Hit-and-Run Accident

Being involved in an auto accident can be physically painful, emotionally stressful, and financially challenging. Victims of hit-and-run drivers may wonder how they will be compensated for their injuries if the other driver can't be found.

When a hit-and-run driver truly cannot be found, that's when your uninsured motorist (UM)/underinsured motorist (UIM) coverage can be a lifeline. UM/UIM coverage guards against many losses, including hit-and-run cases. Damages caused by a hit-and-run driver will fall under UM/UIM coverage, although property damage might not be included. UM/UIM coverage is mandatory in most NH insurance automobile insurance policies. Its limits are the same as your limits should someone sue for causing an accident, so if you carry, for instance, a \$50,000 policy for liability to protect your driving, your UM/UIM coverage is also \$50,000 for someone else's bad driving.

If you are ever the victim of a hit-and-run driver, contact the police immediately. When putting in a hit-and-run claim under your UM/UIM policy, you still have to prove that in fact a hit-and-run driver caused the accident. Your UM/UIM insurance may defend by saying that there was no hit-and-run driver, but that you just ran off the road, or hit a tree, or somehow otherwise caused the accident yourself, therefore having a police report supporting a hit-and-run driver was involved will go a long way to diffuse that argument. •



Warrantless Arrests



The Constitution requires that law enforcement must obtain an arrest warrant in order to arrest an individual with some very specific exceptions. If an officer does arrest an individual without a warrant, the State needs to prove that the warrantless arrest was constitutional.

The most common exception to a warrantless arrest is when the crime happens in the officer's presence. If an officer makes a DWI arrest, that crime has almost always happened in the officer's presence.

Another example is exigent circumstances. That exception means that the lives and safety of the public are at risk or that evidence could be lost if an officer took the time to apply for an arrest warrant. An example of the lives and safety exception is when an individual commits a violent crime and flees. Waiting to apply for a warrant in that situation could endanger other lives. An

example of the "lost evidence" exception is when an individual has committed a DWI, but not in the officer's presence. That could happen if there were an accident or if the driver fled. The officer can make the arrest without a warrant because evidence of impairment, alcohol or drugs in the driver's blood, will fade over time.

There are other exceptions to the requirement that law enforcement obtain an arrest warrant to make an arrest. If you've been arrested without a warrant, contact an experienced criminal attorney to make certain that your arrest was lawful. •

Determining if You Need Rental Car Insurance

If you need to rent a car, a “friendly face” at the rental counter will offer you various insurance options. Are any of them necessary? Are you at risk if you don’t purchase them?

There are generally four prime insurance options available when you rent a car:

- 1) **A collision-damage waiver** waives your financial responsibility if the car is damaged or stolen, and takes care of fees and charges for loss of use, towing, and related expenses.
- 2) **Liability coverage** protects you from potential lawsuits.
- 3) **Personal accident insurance** covers medical costs following an accident.
- 4) **Personal effects coverage** insures whatever you stash in the car.

The auto insurance you carry for your own vehicle will typically cover any property damage or injury you cause while driving a rental. Comprehensive and collision insurance will pay for damage to the rental car. If you don’t have both options, you would be well served to purchase the collision-damage waiver.

You may be able to safely decline the other coverage options listed above. It would likely be redundant to buying it when renting a car. You should bring a copy of proof that you have your own car insurance.

Your health insurance may already cover accident-related injuries. Same thing if you have personal injury protection and/or medical payments coverage in your auto insurance policy.

Renter’s or homeowner’s insurance with off-premises coverage will typically protect any personal effects that you stow away in a rental.

Many rental car agents are really salesman, and the more “up sell” they give you at the rental desk, the more profit/income they make. So, you may wish to call your own insurance broker before you rent a car and make sure you are already covered for all the above, and then save some cash when renting a car. •



February 2018 Important Dates

February 2
Groundhog Day

February 4
Super Bowl

February 13
Mardi Gras

February 14
Ash Wednesday

February 14
Valentine's Day

February 19
Presidents' Day

Cerebral Palsy and Medical Malpractice

Cerebral palsy (CP) is a medical condition marked by neurological problems that cause hindered body movement and muscle coordination. Seizure disorders, perception problems, and learning disabilities may accompany CP as well. The development of CP frequently occurs prior to, during, or shortly after birth. Its root causes include a lack of oxygen reaching the child’s brain and/or head trauma.

In roughly 10 percent of CP cases, medical malpractice is involved. Malpractice can take the following forms:

- Failure to appropriately monitor fetal heart rate before, during, and after birth.
- Delay in performing or failure to perform a cesarean section when the baby is too large to be delivered through the birth canal.
- Failure to detect a prolapsed umbilical cord (the umbilical cord drops and becomes trapped against the baby’s body during delivery, restricting the amount of oxygen reaching the baby).
- Negligence and unreasonable mistakes involving the use of a forceps or vacuum extractor during a vaginal delivery.

A child born with CP faces a lifetime of challenges. If medical malpractice played a role in the development of CP, parents have the right to seek compensation to help their child overcome or manage their difficulties. These cases are complex and certain Statute of Limitations apply. •



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The "Take" Sign

One of the sports my daughter played when she was young was softball and she was pretty good. But she was, and is, tiny. As an adult she stands just under five feet and doesn't weigh 100 pounds. She was a good enough softball player that she usually played with girls older than she was. Since she was always the smallest person in her own age group, playing with girls several years older than she was she looked even smaller.

Her first game of competitive softball, the girls she was playing with had been playing at that level for a couple of years. The opposing pitchers that game and going forward had a hard time pitching to her. Her strike zone was very small, and she was so low to the ground that it was hard not to pitch the ball into the dirt. At some point early in that first game the count was 3-0 on her. My daughter looked down to the third base coach for the sign. I assumed it was going to be the take sign. To my surprise, she swung.



After the inning, I overheard the coach talking to her. He showed her a sign and asked her what it meant. She said, "that's the take sign coach". I wondered to myself if her coach flashed the take sign and she knew it why did she swing? Apparently, her coach wondered the same thing and asked that very question. She answered, "Because it means take a swing, coach". He said "well, at least you were paying attention". Then he went through the signs with her to make sure she understood them. I love that story because you can picture exactly what happened before the game. The coach showed the girls the signs, including the take sign, and never explained what "take" meant. It's good to remember that not everyone in life has the same body of experience that we do. Maybe if they do something wrong, it's simply from a lack of experience or understanding. ●