

# The Straight Talk



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## Notable June Calendar Dates:

- Saturday, June 5th, National Cancer Survivor's Day
- Monday, June 14th, Flag Day
- Sunday, June 20th Father's Day

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## Drinking And Driving – Still A Serious Problem

Item: In Bradford, Vermont, the state police pulled over a man and charged him with drunk driving. They stopped him on Route 5 – driving a golf cart.



Item: In Essex, England, police also stopped and charged a man with DUI – who ended up losing his license for a year. He was driving a small electric Barbie toy car, which has a top speed of 4 mph.



These two recent news stories are easy to laugh at – grown men, intoxicated and attempting to pilot obviously silly vehicles on public highways. But drunk driving continues to be a very serious problem all over the world, despite the fact that wrongful death and personal injury car accidents resulting from DUI have declined remarkably in the past few decades.

Yes, the good news is that alcohol-related fatalities have declined from 1.64 deaths per 100 million miles driven in 1982 to .043 in 2007. But the continuing bad news is:

- A motorist arrested for DUI has likely gotten away with driving drunk an average of 87 times
- The legal definition of driving under the influence is misleading. In 2007, 2600 wrongful deaths occurred from drivers who were impaired by alcohol consumption, but still below the legal blood alcohol limit.
- A personal injury is inflicted due to a drunk driver's inebriation on average every minute. A wrongful death occurs every 45 minutes.
- About 3 out of every 10 of us will be involved in an alcohol-related car accident at some point in our lives.
- 63 % of the costs attributed to DUI drivers are carried by others besides the actual drunk driver

We should all continue to be vigilant about stopping others from getting behind the wheel after drinking – as well as ourselves. **Please, NEVER drink and drive.**

## Guest Feature: Dr. Chinn

### Ask A Doc'

With Dr. Perry Chinn



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#### Q. How is chiropractic different for children than adults after an accident?

I remember several years ago a chiropractic colleague of mine sent a cartoon to me in the mail. The artist had sketched a chiropractic office with a man and woman visiting the chiropractor. Their kids had been left in the car and appeared in the cartoon as skeletons. The caption read something like: "If chiropractic is beneficial for your health, why would you leave your kids in the car?"

The point being made was that children can benefit from chiropractic just as much or even more than adults. However, the sad fact is that we often forget to understand the stresses placed on the younger spines in our family. This fact is magnified when that child is involved in a motor vehicle accident.

While typically younger folks heal more rapidly than us 'older' ones; the potential injury to soft tissue and spinal structures can be every bit as severe.

The children involved in an accident are usually much less able to prepare for and brace for the impact of the accident. Often, they are not buckled in properly or they are facing directions which magnify the impact of force on the supporting ligaments. Also, restraint features in our cars are typically not designed for smaller frames. Head rests are in the wrong position, shoulder belts too loose, and there are many more factors to be taken into consideration.

When I adjust babies, the touch is lighter and they respond very fast. Chiropractic is very safe for children and very necessary and helpful as their spines grow and mature. The bottom line is to not neglect the importance of making sure your young ones have every opportunity to heal properly. This is true with or without the additional factor of an automobile accident.

I have raised four sons and three step-daughters with the benefits of chiropractic care. Now that they are adults, they see the value of this care.

### S.T.L ACCIDENT FILES

#### Man Crashes into House While Texting

Last month, a man lost control of his vehicle while texting and crashed into a Massachusetts home. The incident occurred on Pleasant View Road in the town of Springfield.

Luckily, no one was seriously injured in the collision. The driver of the Acura, Andrew P. Plourd, was taken to Baystate Medical Center for only minor injuries.

The vehicle crashed through the front living room, causing considerable damage. In the impact, the heating pipes were broken. There is also some damage to the living room floor, the beams in the basement and the backyard deck. The total property damage is estimated at around \$25,000.

Plourd, 24, was charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle, impeded operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to use care in turning. If it is necessary to use a cell phone while driving, please pull over. Otherwise, save texting for another time.

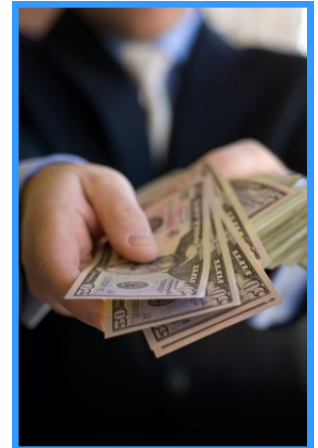


## Isn't Hiring a Lawyer Too Expensive? Explaining the Contingency Fee

The attorneys at Premier Law Group and Straight Talk Law work on a contingency fee basis. What does that mean you ask? A contingency fee means that we don't get paid unless we win your case. Basically, a contingency fee means, if we don't win, then you don't pay any attorney's fee. The attorney fee is solely based on how much compensation we recover for you. If you choose to hire a Premier Law Group attorney, you will be required to sign a retainer agreement. These agreements outline what we will do for you, how much it will cost, and what percentage of the gross recovery the fee will be.

The bottom line is that a contingency fee is beneficial to both you and the attorney. The agreement gives the attorney incentive and motivation to work as hard as possible and diligently on your case because the more money the lawyer gets for you, the more they get paid. Whereas, lawyers who charge by the hour do not have the same motivation to get you as much as possible since they are getting paid by the hour no matter what happens. Contingency fees also provide another less obvious benefit. You can hire the best lawyer that will take your case without worrying about how to pay them. Even if you don't have a single dollar in your bank account, you could still hire a top notch attorney to bring you justice if they work for a contingency fee.

The attorneys at Premier Law Group and Straight Talk Law want to make sure that you get the justice that you deserve without worrying about how to pay for it. Because of this, we work on contingency fee and will put forth 210% effort in winning your case.



## Congratulations!!

Congratulations to our first TADD Pledge Card winner, **Jenny J.!** She took the pledge and won \$50 for her promise to stop texting while driving! Visit [www.teensagainstdistracteddriving.com](http://www.teensagainstdistracteddriving.com) where you can fill out the pledge and enter to win. Also, congratulations to **Charlee and his mother Gwen!** Charlee correctly answered last month's trivia question and we sent his mother a bouquet of flowers for Mother's Day! Hope she enjoyed them! Check our newsletter every month for a new trivia question for your chance to win!





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**TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH**

What movie did both Bill Paxton and Bill Pullman star in?

First person to email the correct answer to [Thomas@plg-pll.com](mailto:Thomas@plg-pll.com) will win a free Starbucks gift card!!



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