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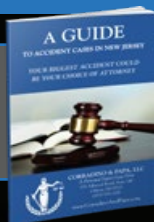
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# pasta e fagioli

## Ingredients

- 2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 lb. spicy (or sweet) Italian sausage
- 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 (15-oz.) cans Great Northern Beans
- 1 (15-oz.) can diced tomatoes
- 4 c. Swanson Chicken Broth
- 2 sprigs rosemary, leaves finely chopped
- 1 1/2 c. ditalini pasta (or other small shape)
- Freshly grated Parmesan, for garnish
- Freshly chopped parsley, for garnish

## Directions

1. In a large, deep pot over medium heat, heat oil. Add sausage and cook, breaking up with a wooden spoon, until cooked through, about 5 minutes. Stir in onion, carrots, and celery and cook until slightly softened, about 5 minutes.
2. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 minute more. Season with salt and pepper, then add in beans (with their liquid), diced tomatoes, chicken broth, and rosemary. Bring to a boil, then stir in ditalini.
3. Reduce heat to medium and cook until pasta is al dente, about 8 minutes. Taste and adjust seasoning if necessary.
4. Serve in bowls garnished with Parmesan and parsley. ■



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## AN ACCIDENT with an uninsured driver

In 2011, the Insurance Research Council found that 1 in 7 drivers in this country do not have auto insurance. If you are involved in an accident with the “1,” the ramifications can be substantial.

A person who lives in a “no-fault” state will have their medical bills, lost wages (with state-to-state variations), and funeral expenses paid by their own insurance company, up to the coverage limits, regardless of who was at fault in an accident. A driver will need separate collision coverage to cover auto repairs.

In a “fault” (or “tort”) state, the at-fault driver is responsible for paying for damages and injuries to the other driver. If the at-fault driver has no insurance, you obviously aren’t going to be compensated by their nonexistent insurance company. In this scenario, you could file a personal injury claim against the at-fault driver to receive compensation for damages. However, if the at-fault driver wasn’t paying for auto insurance, it’s possible they won’t be able to pay for your damages.

Under these circumstances, your medical bills can be paid by your health insurance, and collision coverage can help you with auto-repair costs. However, in both cases you will be stuck with unmet deductible costs. As for lost wages and pain and suffering, you’re on your own.

Every driver should purchase uninsured/underinsured (UM/UIM) motorist insurance. It’s a great preventive measure to counter an otherwise dire situation. If the at-fault driver doesn’t have any, or enough, insurance to cover your damages, your UM/UIM policy will cover you up to the policy limits. It’s relatively inexpensive, so buy as much as you reasonably can. ■



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# THE POETRY OF Groundhog Day



Each year on February 2, Groundhog Day is celebrated throughout much of the United States and Canada. The fates of winter and spring hang in the balance. If the designated groundhog (or acceptable substitute) emerges from his hole and casts a shadow ... six more weeks of winter. Otherwise, spring will arrive early.

The first "official" Groundhog Day took place in 1887 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, with Punxsutawney Phil the center of attention. Other towns and regions have their own groundhog weather prognosticators. In areas bereft of groundhogs, yellow-bellied marmots and prairie dogs do the honors—including a few in robotic or stuffed-animal form.

Groundhog Day, however, piggybacked off an ancient Christian tradition called Candlemas, which honors the day on which Mary and Joseph presented the baby Jesus at the Temple. According to Old Testament law, 40 days was the period of purification following the birth of a child. Forty days from the church-sanctioned date for Christmas, December 25 (including the 25th), is ... February 2.

An old English poem linked Candlemas to weather and seasonal change:

*If Candlemas be fair and bright,  
Come winter, have another flight.  
If Candlemas bring clouds and rain,  
Go winter, and come not again.*

In Germany, once the meteorological connection with Candlemas was established, animals were eventually incorporated into the weather-forecasting business—the hedgehog was the popular choice. When German immigrants arrived in the United States, this tradition came along. Since the groundhog was native to North America, it replaced the hedgehog.

For the record, Punxsutawney Phil's forecasting success rate is abysmal (39 percent). Flipping a coin would be more accurate, but where's the fun in that? ■

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## drowsy driving

### SOMETIMES FLIES UNDER THE RADAR

There is no shortage of causes for auto accidents, but one culprit that sometimes doesn't receive the spotlight it should is drowsy driving.

According to a National Sleep Foundation (NSF) poll, 60 percent of drivers admitted to having driven while drowsy; 37 percent said they had nodded off while driving. The actual numbers are likely higher. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also reports that roughly 6,000 fatal vehicular accidents each year can be attributed to drowsy driving.

The NSF states that driving after having been awake for 18 straight hours produces effects equivalent to someone with a .05 blood-alcohol concentration. After 24 hours, it equates to a .10 BAC (legal intoxication is .08 in most instances). The results are slower reaction time, lack of awareness of one's surroundings, impaired judgment, and skewed decision making. It's a recipe for disaster.

Frequent yawning, no clear memory of the last few miles driven, and being snapped to attention by the rumble strip are clear signs of drowsy driving. The only antidote to drowsiness is sleep. If you're drowsy, don't get behind the wheel. If drowsiness creeps up on you as you drive, pull over at a safe place and take a 20-minute catnap.

For DUI cases, there are tests that can determine alcohol/drug impairment. Cell phone records can help prove distracted driving. However, there isn't a clear-cut standard of measure to quantify drowsy driving, which makes these cases more complex.

If you or a loved one has been injured by a negligent driver, contact an Corradino & Papa, llc who can help you attain rightful compensation. ■

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**Quote of the Month:** "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." —Mark Twain

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# foodborne illnesses

## CAN BE TOUGH TO STOMACH

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that over 48 million Americans per year suffer the effects of foodborne illnesses, one example being the romaine lettuce E. coli outbreaks over the past year. Thankfully, most people recover within a day or two without need of medical attention, although enduring the symptoms is no picnic.

However, food poisoning can sometimes be severe and even life-threatening. E. coli, salmonella, listeria, and numerous other bacteria and viruses send over 125,000 people to the hospital annually; nearly 3,000 don't survive. Those who do eventually recover may face sky-high medical bills and substantial lost wages. If a restaurant, grocery store, farm, slaughterhouse, or factory is responsible, a claim can be brought against them.

A person filing a claim must establish that a specific food they ate was contaminated—sometimes a tricky venture. Symptoms of foodborne illnesses don't strike immediately. For instance, if you eat contaminated food for breakfast, symptoms might only become evident after you've already had lunch, which muddies the waters considerably. A health authority can confirm if a food is contaminated or not, but they'll need a sample. When others experience the same problem as you, from the same source, it simplifies things.

Next, you must show that the contaminated food is linked to your illness. Having a stool sample tested is the best way to do that. If the sample shows the same harmful microbes as those found in the contaminated food, it significantly bolsters your case.

If you suffer severe consequences from food poisoning, the sooner you contact a Corradino & Papa, llc, the better your chances of garnering fair compensation. ■

