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Aunt Amy's Amazing Cheesy Potatoes

Ingredients

- 2 bags frozen shredded potatoes (32 oz each)
- 2 bags finely shredded cheese (8oz each)
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon each of salt and pepper

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Thaw potatoes in microwave.
3. In separate bowl, mix together potatoes and cheese.
4. In another bowl, melt butter. Add in soup, sour cream, and salt and pepper.
5. Add potato and cheese mixture to cream mixture. Pout into large baking pan.
6. Cover with foil, bake for one hour, or until potatoes are cooked all the way through and the top is golden brown.

Enter Jacob Boyk's Yo-Yo trick contest!

Yo-yo trickster
Jacob Boyk



wants to see your yo-yo tricks! Send us a video of you performing your trick to info@charlesboyk-law.com and we'll put it on our website!



The kid with the most creative video will win a \$25 gift card of their choice!

Cases of Interest our office is handling

49-year-old woman is hit head-on by a drink driver, shattering her elbow, fracturing her neck, and causing a chipped C5 vertebrae. She spent three days in intensive care, and had to have pins surgically placed in her elbow.

46-year-old worker is injured after another worker drops freight on top of him. He fractured his foot in two places, severely sprained his ankle, and has a fracture in his lower back.

34-year-old employee is test driving a motorcycle when an SUV turned in front of him. He had to have part of his left ear amputated, and also suffered a cheek-to-cheek fracture, fractured skull, compound fracture to arm, and multiple fractures to his back. He spent nine days in the hospital and then six more days in inpatient rehab.

28-year-old man's hand is slammed in a Hummer stretch limo door after owner of the limo closes it too soon. A trip to the emergency room and x-rays determined that his fingers were significantly injured.

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Boyk Law Offices welcomes our Idol, Crystal Bowersox, to Toledo

Charles Boyk Law Offices gave American Idol finalist Crystal Bowersox a warm welcome on May 14th, as she traveled to Toledo to pay a visit to her roots in northwest Ohio.

Office members Steve Reamey, Leslie Rombkowski, and Stacey Swiergosz met the Idol star at 101.5 The River, where Crystal was being interviewed by the Mary Beth and Rick in the Morning.

After the interview, Crystal performed a concert outside of the PNC Bank Building, on the cor-

ner of Madison Ave. and St. Clair St., where our office is located.

We decorated our floor's windows, giving a letter to each one, spelling out the message, "Boyk Law ♥s Crystal."

During the concert, we provided the audience with candy, yo-yo's, key lights, and even had a special bag of treats made up especially for Crystal.

"It was so cool to have her here," office manager Leslie Rombkowski said. "Crystal is just as cool in person as she is on TV, and she is so down-to-earth."

An Elliston, Ohio native, Crystal was American Idol's first runner up, ranking second place next to Lee DeWyze.



Crystal Bowersox at the Kiss FM studios

Visit our website and type "Crystal Bowersox" in the search engine at the top of the homepage to view more photos, video interviews, and news coverage.

Hurt on the job and can't work? Do you know where your paycheck will come from?

Many people don't think about what would happen if they were hurt on job, let alone how they would pay their



bills. Usually, people who are injured only have to stay off the job for a relatively short period of time.

Fortunately, people can recover from these injuries and get back to work.

Temporary total disability helps replace wages lost for those who are unable to work for a certain period of time.

For example, if a worker had a pallet fall on his foot that prevented him from doing his job until he recovered from his injuries, temporary total would be the proper claim to file.

The injured worker must miss eight consecutive days in order to qualify for temporary total disability.

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Overcoming Adversity: Local worker fights to get well after on-the-job injury

While Omar Bazy was working the night shift in the loading area of a local chemical company, he was struck in the head and shoulder by an overhead reel and trolley that fell 30 feet from the ceiling.

At first Omar had thought that he had escaped serious injury and only sustained contusions to his head and shoulder.

But over the course of the next year, the chiropractic treatments, pain, numbness, and pinched nerves he constantly suffered seemed to indicate otherwise.

After our office helped him get approval from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation for an MRI, Omar was told that he had ruptured three discs in his neck and that they were impinging on his spinal column.

He needed spinal surgery, and went through a five hour anterior cervical discectomy which left four plates and eight screws attached to his cervical spine, fusing the lower portion of his neck together.

The surgery was followed by a three month recovery.

The surgery had a major impact on more than just Omar's health. Before the surgery, he was in a very

weakened state, and in constant pain, with the threat of further damage to his neck and spine always on his mind.

For over a year, his life revolved around bouts of terrible pain in his neck and shoulder, as well as pinched nerves which left him unable to turn his head for days. He also had constant numbness and tingling in his left arm, which meant that he had to find time to visit the chiropractic office two to three days a week for some temporary relief.

His condition left him with little time to focus on anything else in his life other than the pain-treatment-pain cycle.

Omar decided to call Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC after learning that the device that he was injured by was defective, along with the fact that his injury was more severe than he originally thought.

"I knew I needed an attorney that could represent my interests and aggressively pursue a just resolution," Omar said. "I researched local attorneys, and the Boyk Law Offices seemed to have the history and record I was looking for. After initially talking with Chuck, I knew I had found my representative."

Had he not hired an attorney, it's

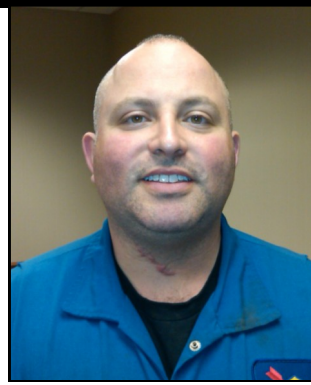
possible that Omar's injury would have been minimized by his employer and he may not have gotten the surgery necessary to free him from the pain.

Our office was able to direct Omar to one of the top neurosurgeons in this area who finally found out what the true extent of his injury was, get him the medical treatment he needed, and obtain a large, confidential settlement from the manufacturer.

"Mr. Boyk and his staff gave me a voice against an employer that didn't want to acknowledge my injury, and a manufacturer that didn't want to take responsibility for my injury," Omar said. "I never had a question go unanswered, everyone was very friendly and accommodating, and they always made me feel that someone was on my side."

Attorney Boyk was impressed with the way that Omar overcame his adversity.

"Omar was a pleasure to deal with throughout the whole case," Chuck said. "He was always responsive and really helped us to help him."



Omar Bazy

Does your debt feel out of control? Learn how to gauge financial stability

People often have difficulty admitting to themselves that they are in serious financial difficulty. It is easy to say that the situation is just "temporary."

Here are a few things to consider when determining the extent of financial problems, in order to decide whether filing bankruptcy might be the right choice.

1. Are you using credit cards to pay other credit cards?
2. Is the car payment always late?
3. Are the utilities on a payment plan with big balances that you cannot pay off soon?
4. Are creditors threatening lawsuits or have you been sued?
5. Are creditor telephone calls and nasty letters driving you

crazy? In the current economic climate, it is easy to fall behind on paying bills, due to less overtime earnings, periodic layoffs, or unexpected expenses.

If you believe you may need an "independent" analysis of your financial situation, our office may be able to help.

Attorney Fredric Boyk has over 30 years of experience dealing with both individuals and companies in financial distress.

Fresh start bankruptcy may solve your problems - or there may be other alternatives for helping you achieve financial stability and peace of mind.

Feel free to call our office at 419.241.1395 if you would like a **FREE** financial consultation.

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For the first 12 weeks of disability, injured workers receiving their full weekly wage.

That figure is based on the average of the gross wages earned during the six weeks prior to the injury.

After three months, a claimant receives 66 2/3 of his average weekly wage. In this situation, the average weekly wage is calculated based on the worker's average gross wages for one year prior to the injury.

It should be noted that although temporary total disability does not completely replace a worker's lost income, workers' compensation benefits are not taxable.

Sometimes workers sustain physical or psychological injuries that will remain with them forever, but may allow them to continue

working. In such a case, the worker would be eligible for a permanent partial disability award based on the percentage of the impairment. For injuries that occurred prior to June 30, 2006, the injured worker had to wait 40 weeks before filing this type of claim. The waiting period for injuries after that date is 26 weeks.

In order to determine the percentage of loss, the worker is examined by a BWC doctor, who determines the percentage of impairment of the body part in question based on the American Medical Association's Guides to Evaluations of Permanent Impairment.

If the injured worker thinks the percentage determined is too low, he can object to that finding and opt for examination by his own doctor. The hearing officer then examines the findings by the doc-

Congratulations to Anneke Kurt, the Marketing Director in our office, who won the 2010 Lourdes College Outstanding Business Alumni of the Year Award for her involvement in the *Love for Lupe* and the *Bikes for Kids* projects.

"I had no idea that I was even up for consideration!" Anneke said. "I am honored to receive the award, and I hope that this encourages other recent college graduates to get out there and make a difference in the life of someone else."

The award is given to an alumnus who exhibits the Lourdes' values of learning, reverence, and service.



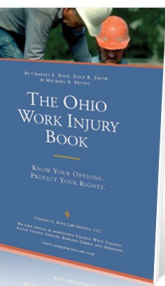
Anneke Kurt

tors and determines the percentage of impairment. That percentage is the basis of any compensation the worker would receive.

The percentage of disability determined by the hearing officer is used to calculate the award paid based on a formula employed by the BWC.

An example of an injury that would be the basis of a permanent partial disability claim would be a worker who gets burned on the job and is left with permanent scar tissue. A percentage of disability would be determined to calculate the award paid to the worker.

If you've been injured on the job, call our office at 800.637.8170 to request your free copy of *The Ohio Work Injury Book*.



Do you know of a deserving child who has made a difference in the life of another person?

Enter our **Bikes for Kids** contest!

Visit www.BikesForKidsToledo.com to learn how your child can win on of 13 bikes we are giving away this summer, from Wersell's Bike Shop!



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