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Brain-injury patients struggle with painful misconceptions

Lauren Bogrette Grubb remembers watching helplessly as the speeding car careened toward her on two wheels. She caught a glimpse of the automobile's undercarriage seconds before it broadsided her SUV.

The image is her last memory before losing consciousness and eventually, losing so much more.

The mother of three from Hershey was dropping off friends after a girls' beach weekend in October 2012. As she waited at a stop sign, she watched horrified as a car going more than double the speed limit barreled down the hill straight toward her. Reports would later show that the teen driver had lost control; the impact pushed Grubb's super-sized SUV almost 180 degrees.

Doctors at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center diagnosed Grubb with a severe concussion and sent her home after 12 hours, telling her family to monitor her closely for any changes.

She spent much of the next day suffering from a severe headache, unable to move from the couch.

The crash also had left her with vision problems and a loss of feeling on her left side.

Her condition continued to deteriorate. Her speech became jumbled. She forgot simple things, became confused and didn't recognize her children and her husband, Rich, who rushed her back to the hospital.

A specialist at the facility's concussion clinic finally delivered the diagnosis that would transform Lauren Grubb — wife, mother, entrepreneur, artist, chef — to Lauren Grubb: traumatic brain injury patient. She was immediately admitted to a rehab hospital.

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Lauren Bogrette Grubb was in a car crash in October 2012 that left her with a traumatic brain injury and changed her life.

**SUNDAY BEST
PROM DRESSES
UNDER \$100**



\$61.99

Fun is the definition of this strapless short dress by City Triangles, which is on sale at Kohl's. With a gigantic, rhinestone-accented flower on the bodice, this is the dress for someone who loves the '80s style.



\$78.99

This pale-peach gown with a rhinestone-laden, single shoulder is gracefully feminine and is on sale at Macy's.



\$78.99

This lace, sequin dress by B Darlin has a mermaid silhouette, which is great for those who plan on grooving on prom night. The dress is available at Macy's.



\$99

This seafoam strapless gown has plenty of character with a sequin bodice. Designed by B Darlin, at Macy's.

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GREAT GOWNS

PROM IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. If you haven't bought your dress yet, time is ticking. One thing to remember: Buying the perfect gown doesn't have to be outrageously expensive. We found 13 dresses, all for less than \$100, that will make anyone look like a princess.

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