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What caused this collision? It was caused by something spelled with five letters: S-P-E-E-D. Speed caused the death of Lavie Roberts. Speed is the big factor in most traffic deaths. You can reach into your own experience and general knowledge and you will find that most of the traffic deaths do not take place downtown in the business district. The traffic there is so congested that no one can get up enough speed to kill anybody else. Where do people get killed in this city? They get killed where the roads are wide and where there's plenty of room and opportunity to open up the cars or "wind them up" as the witness told you today.

There's no question but that plaintiff had a social gathering at his house, normal thing, even if he weren't a person who can't get about as well as the rest of us. He had friends over. They played tapes. No evidence of any impairment, not one iota, although they would like to think that there was, to prejudice this plaintiff. He could have said, "I had nothing, no beer at all. I didn't have anything." He could have said that, but he's not that kind of a boy. He's not going to tell you a lie. He had something to drink over the course of a couple hours. It didn't have any effect on him.