

# Suits charge doctor in deaths of babies

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**KERRVILLE** - Two babies were given intravenous fluids unnecessarily in a doctor's office and possibly suffered brain damage because of the treatment, says the plaintiffs' attorney in two malpractice suits.

A defense lawyer said Friday that both children were ill when they were taken to Dr. Kathleen Holland's Kerrville office.

Holland and her nurse, Gene Jones, are being sued by Larry and Sharon Reichenau, and Shayne and Lydia Evans.

The two are also defendants in a wrongful death suit filed by the parents of a Kerrville infant who died in Holland's care. The defendants were among those called before a Bexar County grand jury investigation of children's deaths in a San Antonio hospital earlier this year.

The suits presently being heard allege that Holland and Jones caused "serious and disabling injuries and damages that caused great medical expenses" in their treatment of 21-month-old Misty Reichenau and 13-

month-old Jacob Evans.

Attorney William Whitehurst said the two children were taken to Holland's office — Jacob for mouth sores and Misty for crying spells — and were given intravenous fluids needlessly, and then suffered cardiac-respiratory arrest.

"They were resuscitated, but we do not know the extent of the damage. We're watching and testing them. We don't know what the damages are," he said.

He noted the Evans infant was treated for mouth sores on Sept. 17, 1982, the same day that 15-month old Chelsa Ann McClellan, who parents filed the wrongful death suit, died after receiving treatment at Holland's office.

"That raises a lot of questions," Whitehurst said. "I think it will (raise questions) in the jury's mind too."

San Antonio Attorney Bill Chenault, who represents Jones, countered Friday that all three infants had a history of medical problems before visiting Holland's office.

"The (Kerr County) grand jury has records on these two (Reichenau and Evans) that we can't see," he said. "These kids had serious problems going in. One allegedly had problems beyond mouth sores and both had seizures before they went in."

Chenault said the McClellan child also had been diagnosed as a potential victim of sudden infant death syndrome, SIDS, before she was treated by Holland, and that an autopsy revealed the child was indeed a SIDS victim.

Kerr County District Attorney Ron Sutton, who is leading the grand jury inquiry into McClellan's death, is investigating the possibility the girl was given a muscle relaxant, succinyl choline, that caused cardiac arrest.

Sutton has reportedly talked with a Swedish doctor who has developed a test for the drug in skin tissues.

Chenault denied the infant was given the drug, saying "they will never find it."

# Study to help asbestos risk

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**HOUSTON** - A cancer researcher says evidence shows asbestos exposure weakens a person's immunity. He suggests the discovery may provide a way to reduce the cancer risk in asbestos workers.

Dr. Irving Selikoff of New York's Mt. Sinai School of Medicine says an ongoing nationwide study might determine why immunity systems — thought to play a role in cancer — are concentrated in the bodies of asbestos workers.

This research involves the study of the immunity of asbestos workers and their wives, Selikoff said.

Selikoff said he hopes the study will find ways to reverse the problems of asbestos inhalation.

He said asbestos has been linked to cancer, and 45 percent of all insulators die of cancer. He said there are also other types of asbestos-related diseases, which take years to show up in its victims.

Selikoff and his team examined 90 members of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers who were exposed to asbestos at least 30 years ago. They also examined 65 of their wives.

He said family members of asbestos workers have developed cancer when exposed to the worker's clothing and tools.

Selikoff said the families will undergo blood, urine, skin and X-ray tests to gather data for the research. He said similar studies are being run in 19 other cities.

The doctor said asbestos workers who smoke have a higher risk of developing cancer.

Selikoff said doctors also wonder why some people who are heavily exposed to asbestos do

not develop cancer. He said such factors as stress are being studied.

He said the study could eventually benefit other people exposed to asbestos.

The use of asbestos was restricted in the 1960s because evidence showed it caused cancer.

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**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL:** Bible study on the Book of Ephesians will be held at 7:30 p.m., University Lutheran Chapel.

**AGGIE ALLEMANDERS:** A Class will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the club from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Animal Pavilion.

**BAC:** All members interested in receiving information this summer about "Welcome Back & Welcome to A&M Fish Camp" please leave name and address in 216 MSC in the BAC cubicle.

**TAU BETA PHI:** Will hold a Steak Fry at 6 p.m. in the Q-Huts. Active members may pick up their free tickets in the Dean's office. Date tickets may be purchased for \$6.

**A&M METHODIST SINGLES GROUP:** A pot luck supper is planned for 7 p.m. followed by discussion of C.L. Lewis' "Mere Christianity." Come and help plan summer activities. Call Jim Hunter at 845-2515 or Pat Mudd at 845-7832 for location and information.

### Tuesday

**CLASS OF '84:** Applications are now available for the Executive Council. Get your application in 216 MSC and get involved!

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION:** All are welcome to the meeting today at 7 p.m. in the meditation room of the All Faiths Chapel.

**TAMU FLYING CLUB:** Flight safety seminar presented by Tiner Lapsley of F.A.A. will be held at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

**TAMU SAILING TEAM:** A meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in 109 MLS (Trigon).

**Wednesday**

**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL:** The Candlelight Communion Service is scheduled for 10 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel.

**CIRCLE K CLUB:** Will be selling banana splits for \$1.50 today from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Rudder Fountain to benefit March of Dimes. All members please come help.

If you have an item for "What's Up," you can fill out a notice in 216 Reed McDonald at least two days in advance of the activity. No items are accepted by phone.

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