

Family accepts settlement

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 ODESSA — An Odessa family has accepted a \$557,000 out-of-court settlement from a paving company concerning the traffic death of Larry Sterling, 38.

Diane Sterling and her two children. Sterling was killed in a head-on accident at a Jones Brothers Dirt and Paving Construction Inc. work site in 1982. If the case had gone to trial, McLeaish said he would have argued a Jones Brothers flagman waved Sterling's vehicle into the wrong lane of traffic causing the accident on a paving

project on Odessa's East Loop 338. "It's a very good settlement and it compares very favorably with other settlements," McLeaish said. Jones Brothers' attorney Perry Davis of Odessa said the paving company's insurance carrier made the decision to settle.

by Paul Dirmeyer



Wife on trial, murder charged

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 HOUSTON — A pathologist testified Thursday that Charles Pierre Latourette, a former college and professional football player, was fatally shot through the left eye more than two years ago. Latourette's wife, Patricia, 36, went on trial Thursday, charged with murder in the shooting death on Dec. 22, 1982. On Thursday, the petite, blonde entered a plea of innocent. Her trial was expected to last several weeks. A jury of seven men and five women was selected to hear the case. The first witness, Assistant Harris County Medical Examiner Dr. Rudy Espinola said the

single .25-caliber bullet to Latourette's eye remained in his brain and had to be removed during an autopsy. "The bullet destroyed the bones and the cerebellum," Espinola said, explaining the cause of death. Several other witnesses testified that Latourette and his wife fought frequently. Latourette's brother, William Latourette, 33, and sister, Elizabeth Latourette of 28, testified they once saw Latourette with scratches and bruises and Mrs. Latourette with a black eye. Anita Silva, a former co-worker of Latourette, testified the two argued "very frequently." Latourette, 37, a native of

Jonesboro, Ark., was an All-America defensive back and punter at Rice University in 1966 and then went on to play five years for the St. Louis football Cardinals. He later went to the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis to study radiology. Latourette started his medical career in Houston six years ago. Police charged Mrs. Latourette with murder following a three-week investigation into the shooting, which occurred in the couple's bedroom in their fashionable townhouse, in a Houston suburb of West University. Mrs. Latourette's son, Brian Buschemi, 14, from a previous marriage was downstairs in the

home when he heard the single shot and was told by his mother shortly afterwards to call police. Defense lawyer Jack Zimmermann said the state has misinterpreted the events of the evening, and his client will be acquitted. The couple, which had been married almost a year at the time of the shooting, had just returned from a social outing when they started fighting, investigators said at the time of the incident. The 6-foot, 183-pound Latourette, man who also lived a while in San Antonio, was voted the top back in the Arkansas High School All-Star game in the summer of 1963.

Child abuse

Parents force drugs on kids, rarely reported

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 NEW YORK — Giving a child drugs such as alcohol or sedatives is emerging as a frequently unrecognized form of child abuse, a family medicine specialist in Tucson says. Dr. Ronald S. Fischler, assistant professor of family and community medicine and Pediatrics at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, said such "poisoning" has been rarely reported as a form of child abuse with only 222 cases documented in 1981. But he said, "this form of abuse may be much more common, and more difficult to recognize than was previously appreciated." Fischler says fussy behavior is probably the most common reason a parent at loose ends resorts to drugging.

"For years, folk wisdom recommended the 'whiskey nipple' as a remedy for colic or discomfort from teething," Fischler says. "Physicians may unwittingly contribute to this problem by prescribing sedatives for colic." "A fussy infant taxes the best of parents, and the strain may seem intolerable to highly stressed, impulsive parents with poor resources for coping. They may react by violently shaking the child, leading to physical abuse, or they may give the child a drug." Fischler discussed the matter in a report in American Family Physician, the journal of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and said poisons of choice include alcohol or sedating drugs such as antihistamines or paregoric. "Intoxication should be sus-

pected in any child who presents with bizarre behavior, lethargy, coma or seizures or in the case of unexpected death," he said. Fischler says the nonaccidental poisoning can include bizarre child-rearing practices such as extreme withholding of fluids because of bedwetting, resulting in hypernatremia; extreme feeding errors — using dilute or concentrated formula, resulting in water or salt intoxication; and psychotropic drugs given to the child by a drug-addicted parent. "The potential for harm to the child is much greater in highly disorganized families or when the parents are mentally ill," Fischler says. "In such a setting, the parents may subject their child to overt emotional and physical abuse, including forcing the child to take drugs. "There is little chance for im-

proving the situation, and adoption is probably the best means of protecting the child." When neglect is a part of a poisoning, parents may leave the child unattended for long periods without minimal precautions to protect him against nearby hazards, Fischler finds. Even well-intentioned parents may unwittingly mistreat their children by adhering to what Fischler referred to as other bizarre child-rearing practices. "They may give toxic doses of vitamins, minerals, or herbs with the intention of relieving a symptoms or safeguarding health," he said. In all cases of childhood poisoning, Fischler urged physicians to question parents about the circumstances.

'Hands off' policy needed

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 HOUSTON — A stable "hands off" business climate is necessary for the chemical industry to prosper in Texas in 1984, an industry executive said Thursday. James B. Henderson, executive vice president of Shell Oil Co., told the Association of Chemical Industry of Texas, that the "bright kind" of business climate is essential for the chemical industry to grow along the Gulf Coast. Henderson said the chemical industry is the largest manufacturing industry in Texas and the fifth largest in the country.

But he said international competition within the industry is fierce and Texas could best help its industries along the Gulf Coast by providing a good climate for business. He said protectionist measures, like tariffs or import quotas, will not solve the problem of international competition among chemical industries. "A climate that chokes us with unrealistic, emotionally inspired regulations, with no benefit to the average citizen, drives business and jobs from our shores," Henderson said. He said chemical firms must

invest in new technology to reduce costs, improve processes and become more efficient to compete in the world market. "That is why business climate is so important. A climate that views industry as a revenue as a revenue cash cow, and taxes us unfairly, dries up funds we need for capital investment," Henderson said.

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Monday: Pottery--Wheel Throwing	January 30-March 5 5:00-7:00	20.00/24.00	Wednesday: Woodshop Orientation	February 1-February 22 1:00-4:00	25.00/30.00
Stained Glass	February 6-March 5 7:00-9:00	19.00/23.00	Matting and Framing	February 1-February 22 7:00-9:00	15.00/18.00
Calligraphy	March 19-April 23 6:30-8:30	20.00/23.00	Calligraphy	February 1-March 7 6:30-8:30	20.00/24.00
Intermediate Stained Glass	March 19-April 16 6:00-8:00	19.00/23.00	Coffee Tables	March 7-April 4 6:00-9:00	18.00/21.00
Drawing	March 19-April 16 6:00-8:00	15.00/18.00	Silk Flowers	February 8-March 7 6:30-8:30	15.00/18.00
Pottery--Wheel Throwing	March 19-April 23 5:00-7:00	20.00/24.00	Pottery--Hand Building	March 21-April 11 7:00-9:00	12.00/15.00
Tuesday: Quilting	January 31-March 6 6:00-8:00	18.00/21.00	Matting and Framing	April 4-April 25 7:00-9:00	15.00/18.00
Airbrush	January 31-February 28 6:00-8:00	15.00/18.00	Pottery--Wheel Throwing	February 2-March 8 7:00-9:00	20.00/24.00
Basket Weaving	February 14-February 28 6:30-8:30	9.00/11.00	Acrylics	February 2-March 8 6:00-8:00	15.00/18.00
Heart-shaped Bandsaw Boxes	February 7-February 8 6:00-9:00	12.00/15.00	Decoy Carving	February 2-March 1 7:00-9:00	15.00/18.00
Intermediate Pottery	March 20-April 17 7:00-9:30	19.00/23.00	Watercolor	February 9-March 8 6:00-8:00	12.00/15.00
Jewelry Casting	March 27-April 17 7:00-9:30	15.00/18.00	Pen and Ink	March 22-April 12 6:00-8:00	12.00/15.00
Basket Weaving	April 17-May 1 6:30-8:30	9.00/11.00	Stained Glass	March 29-April 26 7:00-9:00	19.00/23.00
			Flower Arrangement	April 5-April 26 6:00-8:00	12.00/15.00

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