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DEATH SPARKS OUTRAGE

By David Handley

At Dyer Law, we follow how insurance companies are negligently or intentionally mistreating people across the country. One particular story in California came to light in June, and it pushes the limits of egregious conduct. In December 2003, Charles Romano injured his neck and shoulder. He had surgery for his injury and contracted a terrible staph infection. The infection left him paralyzed from the neck down; his kidneys failed, his vision was affected; his cardio vascular system was affected; he couldn't control his bladder or bowels; and he needed assistance of a machine to breathe.

Mr. Romano was injured while working for Ralph's Grocery Company which was owned by The Kroger Company. Kroger is self-insured which means that it acts like its own insurance company paying workers' compensation claims from its own pocket. Kroger hired Sedgwick CMS to be the insurance adjuster for Mr. Romano's case. Mr. Romano ran into problems with Sedgwick and sued. He was successful in his lawsuit and was awarded payment of medical bills related to his claim.

Despite a court order requiring Sedgwick to pay the medical bills, Sedgwick failed to pay the bills and even failed to provide the paralyzed man a wheelchair for four months! Mr. Romano began incurring medical bills at the rate of \$24,000.00 per day and Sedgwick ignored those bills.

They even refused to provide a machine to help him breathe. Mr. Romano ultimately died of cardiorespiratory arrest, respiratory failure, and pneumonia brought on by his staph infection.

Sedgwick was sanctioned for its actions, but appealed the sanctions. On appeal, the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board wrote, "We have rarely encountered a case in which a defendant has exhibited such blithe disregard for its legal and ethical obligation to provide medical care to a critically injured worker. Sedgwick CMS...demonstrated a callous indifference to the catastrophic consequences of its delays, in actions, and outright neglect."



Dyer Law has had the great fortune of having attorney David Handley as a part of our practice since 2006. David's application for admission to the Iowa Supreme Court was recently granted, and he was sworn in to practice law in Iowa. Congrats David!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Nebraska's childhood obesity statistics are staggering. Fortunately, we as parents, healthcare providers, community leaders and concerned citizens can team up to make a positive change. Omaha's Children's Hospital & Medical Center is doing just that. Its HEROES program (Healthy Eating with Resources, Options and Everyday Strategies) provides strategies for improved health and weight management. Our office manager, Lori, along with her family and friends, recently spent a fun-filled Saturday playing in a charity sand volleyball tournament to help raise money for the HEROES program as they continue their efforts in the fight against childhood obesity.



QUICK TIP!

We all love the beautiful colors that fall brings, but cleaning up after the beauty has covered the ground is a chore few of us enjoy. Remember, raking is a vigorous activity that uses back muscles that you may not usually use. Minimize back strain and the dreaded "day after" soreness by using good mechanics - stand up straight and move with the rake instead of bending over. After all, this is Nebraska, and you are going to need a strong back for the snow shoveling ahead!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH ~ CARMEL CORN!

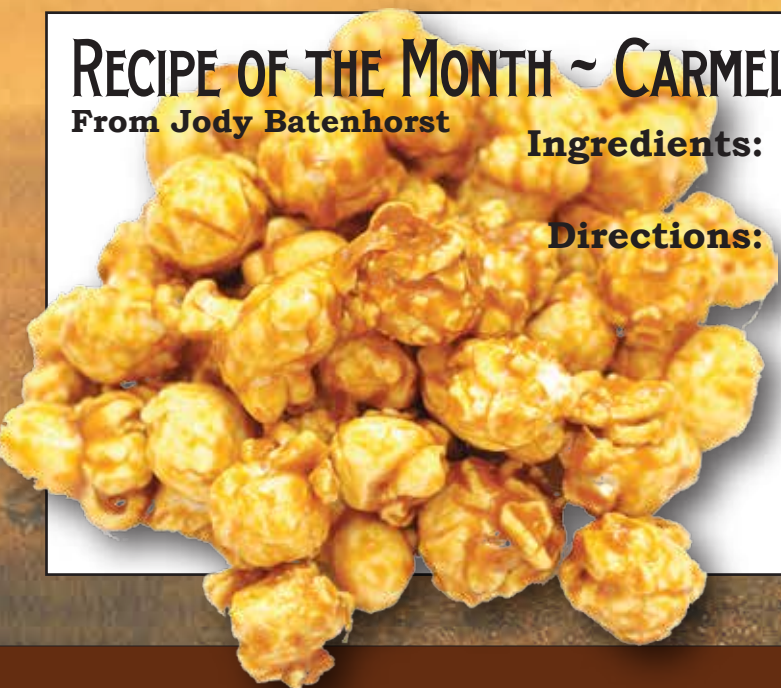
From Jody Batenhorst

Ingredients: 4 qt. of popped corn ½ cup Corn Syrup
1 ⅓ cup Sugar 1 cup Margarine

Directions: Combine sugar, syrup and margarine in 1 ½ quart sauce pan. Bring to boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil, stirring occasionally 10 to 15 minutes or until mixture turns a light caramel color.

Remove from heat. Pour over popped corn. Mix and coat well. Spread to dry.

Break apart and store in air tight container.



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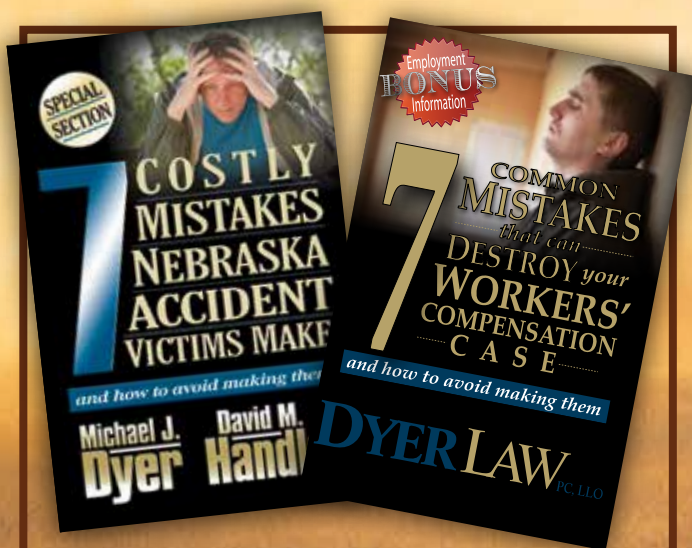
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BONUS RECIPE ~ KETTLE CORN!

From Jody Batenhorst

Ingredients: $\frac{1}{2}$ c popping corn
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c vegetable oil
 1 t salt

Directions:

Heat oil in a large pot until warm and then add kernels. Once the kernels start sizzling and are about to start popping cover them with sugar and place a lid over your pot. Begin shaking pot over the heated burner until popping slows. Carefully remove the lid and salt the popcorn.

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