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Hearing set for tests in Daniel murder

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ANAHUAC — Lawyers for Vickie Daniel say an attempt to subject her and her two children to psychiatric examinations is merely a ploy for the prosecution to gather more material for her murder trial.

Mrs. Daniel is charged in the Jan. 19 shooting death of her husband, former Texas House Speaker Price Daniel Jr.

Daniel's sister and executrix of his estate — Jean Daniel Murph of Richardson, Texas — wants custody of the two children.

Murph has asked Judge W. C. Woods to order a psychiatric examination of Mrs. Daniel and the children. A hearing was scheduled at 10 a.m. Monday.

Murph's attorney said the

psychiatric examinations are necessary, but defense attorney Richard "Racehorse" Haynes said, "They are doing this so they can use that lawsuit to enhance the prosecution in the murder case."

"You don't have to be too astute to recognize that Mrs. Daniel is not a criminal, per se," Haynes said. "She has no record of law breaking."

The defense is also seeking to have the custody suit moved to Tyler.

Andrew Lannie of Baytown, one of Mrs. Daniel's three attorneys, said the Tyler court would have proper jurisdiction because she and the children were residents of Smith County at the time the custody suit was filed.

Former klansman's life threatened

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DALLAS — A former Ku Klux Klan member, who said his life was threatened because of his defection, reported he became disillusioned upon learning Klan members in Memphis, Tenn., were dealing in drugs, making pornographic movies and allowing convicted criminals to join.

William H. Seward of Memphis, Tenn., told The Dallas Morning News he quit the Memphis Klan chapter in August 1980 because of "unsavory activities" by some of the Klan's younger leaders. He said he learned several Klan members were dealing in marijuana and cocaine.

"I advised the (Klan) leadership of it, but no action was taken," said Seward. "I found out the leadership was involved in similar activities, anything from distribution of marijuana and cocaine to forcing females to make pornographic movies in a motel room."

Seward has been hiding out at a Dallas motel since fleeing Memphis after being kidnapped and assaulted Feb. 13 by men he identified as Klansmen.

He said they handcuffed him, cut off chunks of his hair, threw yellow paint and feathers on him and threatened him with death.

Seward said his three abductors accused him of infiltrating the KKK for the U.S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Seward denied working as an undercover agent for any law enforcement agency.

Seward told Dallas police that just after his arrival in Texas, an armed man pulled up in a car and told him: "We're going to kill you, but we're going to let you squirm like those guys that got picked up for kidnapping in Tennessee."

Seward said he thought the threat was an attempt to keep him from testifying in Memphis.

Total allergies put woman in clinic

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DALLAS — Doctors at an advanced allergy clinic prepared Monday for the arrival of a former pop singer from England, allergic to everything except filtered air and organic foods, reported near death because of her rare medical condition.

Sheila Rossall Bristol, is suffering from "Total Allergy Syndrome." She was scheduled to arrive at Brookhaven Medical Center this afternoon, where she was to be treated by Dr. Robert Stroud and Dr. William Rhea, specialists in treating allergies and related problems.

Brookhaven is one of only four special clinics in the United States capable of keeping a patient in total environmental seclusion, Stroud said today.

"She's going to be treated in the environmental unit," said Stroud. "She can be kept away from various chemicals, perfumes and the things people use in hospitals like waxes and alcohol. Nothing but cotton clothing is allowed in the unit."

The London Express reported today Rossall would die within 10 days if the treatment was unsuccessful.

Rossall, 31, has been bedridden and in darkness for more than three years, cared for by friends. People who get near her cannot use toothpaste or deodorant for 24 hours before seeing her.

Medical authorities said direct contact with gasoline fumes would kill the young woman. Processed foods, synthetics and plastics make her vomit.

A British physician recommended the Dallas clinic, where treatment for three months costs about \$40,000.

A "Save Sheila" fund was originated by friends in Bristol to help pay for her treatment. In addition, her apartment in Bristol was to be remodeled at a cost \$10,000 to accommodate her special needs.

Rossall once sang with the English pop group Pickettywitch.

Prison changes are step forward

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AUSTIN — An agreement by the state to greatly improve medical care for inmates in state prisons and strictly regulate the health and diet of those in solitary confinement is a giant step forward, the head of a criminal justice reform group said Monday.

Charles Sullivan, executive director of Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE), said the agreement filed Friday with U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice concerns only about one-third of the issues in dispute between the state and plaintiffs in a massive prison suit challenging operations of the Texas Department of Corrections.

A major remaining issue is whether the state must provide individual cells for each prisoner, or may house two prisoners to a cell. Sullivan predicted that issue will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, and told a news conference, "I think it may be unconstitutional to have more than one person to a cell."

Sullivan also predicted the Legislature may be forced to meet in special session to resolve some of the prison issues if the final

court decision in the case is issued after the current session adjourns in early June.

CURE will sponsor a rally at the Capitol March 25 to lobby for its programs for expanded community based corrections, Sullivan said. The governor, lieutenant governor, speaker, attorney gen-

eral and members of the Board of Corrections all have been invited to meet with CURE members during the day, and members also will attend an afternoon hearing by a Senate committee on a resolution mandating a move toward community-based correctional facilities.

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Blind woman's benefits cut for 80 cent excess

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ATLANTA — A blind woman whose Medicaid benefits were canceled because her income edged 80 cents over the limit has filed a class action lawsuit.

Wilma Dye, 59, lost her Medicaid benefits when her husband's Social Security benefits pushed the couple over the limit. Her law suit challenges a state Department of Medical Assistance interpretation of federal laws on Medicaid eligibility.

Mrs. Dye quit taking domestic jobs 10 years ago to take care of her husband, William, who had been paralyzed by a back operation. They received Social Security payments in his name.

Mrs. Dye, ineligible for Social Security because she had never held a salaried job, was declared disabled in 1978 when diabetes left her almost blind. She began receiving \$1 a month from Social Security, but the disability qualified her for the state Medicaid program.

Mrs. Dye was told in July that a cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits of \$40.80 boosted her husband's total benefits to \$377.80 a month — 80 cents over the limit.

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