

# Mother charged with abuse forgets making statement

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**MARSHALL** — A 25-year-old woman charged with the beating death of her 3-month-old child testified in a pretrial hearing Wednesday she did not remember giving an oral statement to officials after her arrest.

Sherry Allman of Marshall is accused of beating her daughter, Sherry Lynn, to death in November 1982.

The hearing was called on a motion by defense attorneys who are trying to convince District Judge Ben Z. Grant to throw out the written and oral statements given by Allman to police shortly after her arrest.

Jury selection is scheduled to

begin Monday in Jefferson, where the trial was moved from Marshall on a change of venue. Grant made no ruling on the defense motion Wednesday, and said it may be next week before he does rule.

Assistant District Attorney Bonnie Leggate testified she warned Allman of her rights before taking her statement in the case.

But, Allman said she could not remember making the statement Nov. 13, 1982, or even talking to Leggate.

Allman said the signature on the written statement was hers, but she did not remember writing it.

Defense psychiatrist Dr. William Wilkerson Jr. testified Allman suffered multiple personality defects, and severe depression for mild mental retardation. He said she could develop hysterical amnesia whenever une-

Wilkerson said Allman, who quit school in the seventh grade, is in the lower 1 percent intelligence range on IQ tests.

Defense attorneys claim Allman was mentally incompetent when she talked to officers investigating the baby's death.

Allman was to have been tried late last year, but a mistrial was declared Nov. 14 after she was brought handcuffed before a courtroom full of potential jurors.

The woman originally was found mentally incompetent to stand trial, but doctors at Rusk State Hospital told Grant last July that treatment at the facility had enabled Allman to understand the charges against her and aid in her defense.

Sherry Lynn's death initially was attributed to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, but an autopsy disclosed she suffered a fractured skull, broken neck, three broken ribs and an arm injury.

Those findings prompted officials in Texas and Missouri to investigate the deaths of three other Allman children, and led to charges against Allman in the 1976 suffocation death of her son, Marvin Neal, in Kansas City.

by Scott McCullar



# Bryan mayor doesn't want Humana hospital to move

**BY KAREN WALLACE**  
*Staff writer*

Bryan Mayor Ron Blatchley said Tuesday he is trying to convince Humana Hospital to stay in Bryan and not move to College Station.

Blatchley said he's not trying to force the hospital to stay as was reported earlier this week, but is simply trying to convince officials to remain in Bryan — for two reasons. First, he wants to keep the Bryan medical center intact because of the excellent service provided by both institutions. Second, Humana is a tax-paying entity, therefore, he wants them to remain in the city of Bryan.

"As mayor of Bryan, it's expected I make a visit to any tax-paying entity wanting to move and try to convince them to stay," he explained. "That's

what I really wanted to do. I wasn't trying to stop them, but convince them to stay."

Last Thursday, the College Station Planning and Zoning Commission passed the recommendation that the hospital move to College Station. An application was then submitted to the state, which was sent back with a list of questions.

This is called the completing stage and is a usual part of the application procedure. A hearing date will be set upon completion of the questions.

Pat Cornelison, executive director at Humana, said there are several reasons the hospital wants to make the move to College Station.

The most important reason is the new location, near the in-

tersection of Texas 6 and Rock Prairie Road, is a growing part of College Station, she said.

Other reasons are the present hospital location is landlocked, has poor visibility and has little room for expansion.

Humana is presently located at 1305 Memorial Dr. in Bryan, a short block from St. Joseph Hospital.

As for 'breaking up the medical center,' Cornelison said the move would cause no trouble. Interaction between the two hospitals was minimal — monthly administration meetings and the occasional transfer of equipment or patients.

Humana's application states that the new hospital "will not adversely affect any existing facility...The beds proposed will meet the bed needs created by the increasing population growth in the area."

"The moving population will

have more equitable access to service there," she explained.

The proposed cost for the location is \$19.3 million and scheduled completion date is March 1986.

Cornelison said if approved, the new hospital will provide a second 24-hour emergency room and a second observation unit.

The hospital would be a 25-story high, cover 25 acres of land and have 100 beds, which would provide 35 more beds than the present hospital.

Cornelison said that with facility expansion, the hospital would create new jobs.

"I don't know the exact figure, but I expect there will be 20-to-25 percent increase in staff," she said.

The present staff members will continue their jobs at the new hospital, she said.

# Preburn system offers alternative to city landfills

**By DAINAH BULLARD**  
*Reporter*

An alternative to the landfill method of eliminating municipal waste — city trash — was presented at the College Station City Council workshop Wednesday by Environmental Protection Resources Inc.

A 12-minute film explaining

the National Recovery Technologies Preburn system shown to the council and 20 other people in attendance. The film said the NRT Preburn system separates aluminum, heavy metals from waste, allowing a cleaner fire that generates more heat in the incinerator, the increased heat produces more steam.

"This is a breakthrough in the elimination of solid waste," said North B. Bardell, College Station city manager. "It will reduce our volume (of municipal waste) by 90 percent, it will certainly be a help."

Marion A. Cole, EPR representative, said the smallest NRT Preburn system can process 240 tons of waste a 24-hour period.

He said that maintaining the NRT Preburn system costs about the same as maintaining a landfill, but money can be made from selling the steam the system produces.

Cole said he has presented the NRT Preburn system to representatives from Bryan Texas A&M University, and Texas A&M officials have expressed an interest in buying the produced steam from College Station.

"I think it (the NRT Preburn system) is worthy of some additional investigation," Mayor Gary Halter said. "But we will have to make a very firm decision with the University to buy the steam to make it economical."

Cole said Texas A&M's three steam pressure levels — high pressure heats water, medium pressure level cools water, and one pressure level generates electricity. He said steam produced by the NRT Preburn system would adapt to one of the University steam pressure levels.

The NRT Preburn system would provide a small percentage of the University's needs, Cole said. He said the steam could be used to supplement University energy sources.

The council appointed Halter and Bardell to continue investigating the NRT Preburn system.

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