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**Woman gets death penalty for murders**

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman will join three other women on Texas' death row after being sentenced for the shooting deaths of her husband and two children so she could collect \$100,000 in life insurance benefits.

It took jurors in State District Judge Charles Heran's court about an hour Tuesday to decide that Frances Elaine Newton, 23, should die by injection. The jury's other punishment option was life in prison.

The same jury who sentenced Newton took two hours to find her guilty Monday.

Newton's husband, Adrian, 23, was shot once in the head as he slept on a couch in the family's north Harris County apartment on April 4, 1987. Seven-year-old Alton and 21-month-old Farrah were shot in the heart and were found in a bedroom.

Prosecutor Joe Magliolo said all evidence in the circumstantial case indicated Newton was their killer.

The murder weapon, a .25-caliber automatic pistol, was found in a burned-out house next to the home where Mrs. Newton's mother lived.

Authorities were led to the weapon by Mrs. Newton's cousin, who testified that she saw Newton place a blue bag in a cabinet in the abandoned house on the night of the killings.

Newton, prosecutors said, was having an affair and the gun belonged to her boyfriend.

The prosecutors also presented evidence that she had taken out two \$50,000 insurance policies — one on her husband and one on her daughter — 21 days before the murders.

Prosecutors had offered Newton an opportunity to plead guilty to the slaying of her husband in exchange for a life prison sentence.

"All along, the state wanted her to take life," defense attorney Catherine Coulter said. "But she wouldn't have pled for life or 10 years or anything. She wouldn't have said she killed her children even for 10 days in the County Jail."

Another defense lawyer said the trial would have ended in a much different manner if Newton had simply killed her husband.

"The dead kids got us the penalty," defense attorney Ron Mock said after talking to jurors. "The jury felt killing them was inexcusable."

The other women on Texas' death row are Karla Faye Tucker, sentenced to die for the pickax slayings of Deborah Ruth Davis Thornton and Jerry Lynn Dean, and Pamela Perillo sentenced to die in 1984 for the strangulations of Robert Banks and Bob Skeens.

**What's Up**

- Thursday
- BETA ALPHA PSI: will have a professional meeting with Dow Chemical at 8:30 p.m. at the Hilton.
  - INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM: will have a discussion of the recent national conference of Overseas Development Network and will discuss coming events at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.
  - THE PLACEMENT CENTER: will have a workshop on job search strategies at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.
  - TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS: will demonstrate and folkdance from 6:30-8 p.m. at the south end of the Academic Building.
  - LEBANESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will take its picture for the year at 7 p.m. in the MSC Flagroom. The dress is formal.
  - MINORITY FRESHMEN ORIENTATION PROGRAM '89: Applications for a date director are available in 151 Bizzell Hall and are due Monday.
  - STUDENTS WITH ALTERNATE PHILOSOPHIES: will have an open discussion at 7 p.m. in 704 Rudder.
  - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ACCOUNTANTS: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder.
  - PHI BETA LAMBDA/ALPHA KAPPA PSI/DELTA SIGMA PI/PI KAPPA LON: will sponsor a halloween bash from 8 to midnight at the Elks Lodge.
  - ECONOMICS SOCIETY: will have a happy hour at 5 p.m. at the Dixie Club.
  - INTRAMURALS: entries close for cross country run at 5:30 p.m. in 158 Rudder.
  - MSC OPAS/STARK SERIES: will present a Nielson & Young piano concert at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theater.
  - ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS: call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.
  - ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: call the center at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.
  - AGGIE G.O.P.: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder.
  - TAMU ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY: will meet to discuss upcoming events at 7:30 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.
  - CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet to discuss the starting of Aggie Awakening #21 at 6:15 p.m. at the St. Mary's student center.
  - LATIN AMERICAN CATHOLIC STUDENTS: will meet at 8:30 p.m. at the St. Mary's student center.
  - CYCLING TEAM: will meet at 7 p.m. in 230 MSC.
  - ASIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION: will have a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder and will take yearbook pictures at 9:15 p.m. in the MSC Flagroom.
  - FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS: will have a study at 7 p.m. in 305 Rudder.
  - STUDENTS FOR SCIENTIFIC CREATIONISM: John McKay, from Austin will answer the question "What is Science" from a big screen video at 7:30 p.m. in 200 Harrington.
  - VIETNAMESE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder.
  - MEXICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a meeting to discuss the quila conference and poster party at 8:30 p.m. in 164 Blocker.

**Recipient of transplants leaves Dallas**

DALLAS (AP) — Stormie Jones, who successfully underwent a heart-liver transplant in 1984, left a Dallas hospital Wednesday to undergo an evaluation of her liver in Pittsburgh, officials said.

Barbara Portmann, a spokesman for Children's Medical Center said the young girl was admitted to the hospital Sept. 28 to determine whether she was suffering liver rejection.

"She is indeed suffering from chronic rejection of the liver," Portmann said.

Ann Harrell, a spokeswoman for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, said the 11-year-old girl would undergo tests with Dr. Thomas Starzel at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh.

"She's been having some symptoms, that could have been problems, with her liver," Harrell said. "It's her liver that's giving her problems. As far as we know, the heart is not involved yet."

The Fort Worth-area child had been hospitalized about one month at Children's Medical Center here, Harrell said. Her condition was stable Wednesday.

"She was the first surviving tandem transplant that involved a liver and a heart," Harrell said.

Stormie received her new heart and liver Feb. 14, 1984 at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. She suffered from a rare congenital disease that had increased the cholesterol in her blood to nearly higher than normal levels.

**Salutes**

- Friday
- MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: will present a dialogue on "Jesus: A common link between Muslims and Christians" at 7 p.m. in Rudder Tower.
  - LATTER-DAY SAINTS STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Earl de Schamp, area director of the church educational system, will speak at noon during the seminar at the Institute Building.
  - KOREAN CHURCH OF A&M: Pang-Une Kim will present a piano concert at 7:30 p.m. at 3333 Oak Ridge Dr. in Bryan. A \$3 donation is suggested.
  - UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will have a Bible study at 6:15 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church.
  - CAMPUS CRUSADE: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington.
  - CORPS OF CADETS: will run across campus to the centerpole raising \$100, ending at Duncan field.
  - ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.
  - STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: DIS applications are due by 5 p.m. in 161 Blocker.

**Faculty/Staff**

Dr. John E. Mayer Jr., the former program director for the National Science Foundation's Manufacturing Processes Program has joined the Texas A&M's College of Engineering as the Allen-Bradley Professor in Factory Automation. Allen-Bradley established the professorship in 1984 to encourage further development of factory automation and robotic applications.

Dr. Gary A. Giroux; Dr. Gareth R. Jones and Dr. James Leigh, College of Business Administration faculty members, have won 1987-88 Research Achievement Awards.

Leonard Berry, also a College of Business Administration faculty member, won the college's 1987-88 Senior Achievement Award.

Noel R. Parsons has been promoted to editor-in-chief of Texas A&M University Press. Parsons was associate editor of the Texas A&M University Press when it began in 1975.

Delia I. Quintana, a biochemistry major at Texas A&M, has won a National Science Foundation Incentives for Excellence Scholarship Prize. The criteria for selection is based on scholarship, financial need, research interest and career goals.

*Salutes is a community service provided by The Battalion to list students and staff who have received honors and awards (such as scholarships, etc.). Space is limited and is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee that your submission will run. Submissions must be used if they contain incomplete or incorrect information. If you have any questions, please call The Battalion at 845-3315.*

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